New US visa rule causes international nightmare

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California recall poll: Loony candidates

By Percy D. Della
Contributor

NOT ONLI IN DA PILIPINS!

SACRAMENTO—Don't think joke or nuisance candidates are the exclusive staple of Philippine elections.

Last Friday, two days away from the

CALIFORNIA/ A15

Al-Ghozi reported dead

But AFP maintains terrorist still alive, hiding

By TJ Burgonio and Julie Alipala
PDI Mindanao Bureau

FATHUR Rohman al-Ghozi is dead.

This was the information obtained by the INQUIRER yesterday from two sources who requested not to be named.

One source told the INQUIRER that a diplomat confirmed the death of Al-Ghozi, an Indonesian bomb expert with strong links to Jemaah Islamiyah, the Asian terrorist network.

The diplomat also said that Malacañang was expected to announce the death of Al-Ghozi either last night or today.

This diplomat was wondering "why there was a delay in announcing Al-Ghozi's death."

Al-Ghozi, Abu Sayyaf members Abdulmukim Ong Edris and Omar Opik Lasal escaped from their prison cell in Camp Crame under suspicious circumstances on July 14.

The INQUIRER has also learned that Lasal had been captured but this was being kept under wraps by the military while it kept up the hunt for Al-Ghozi and Edris.

According to the INQUIRER sources, Al-Ghozi was reportedly killed with Edris and an alleged leader of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front named Mahmoud Ismael last Thursday in Upper Bangaan, Sultan Naga Dimaporo town in Lanao del Norte.

The Southern Command had reported that Edris and his companion were killed when they tried to grab a gun from one of their guards shortly after they were

AL-GHOZI/ A16

HOORAY FROM HOLLYWOOD
Lou Diamond Phillips serenades President Macapagal with Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon at the Palace on Saturday night. The President, who hosted cocktails for visiting Fil-Am Hollywood actors Phillips and Tia Carrere presented them with lifetime service awards for their staunch advocacy of long overdue benefits for Filipino veterans of World War II.

PATRICK CASTILLO/PCPO MALACAÑANG

NBI: Fingerprints from raided house not needed

By Leila B. Salaverria

WHILE it's true that the National Bureau of Investigation did not lift fingerprints from the raided house of an Estrada official, the bureau has "sufficient evidence" against the Magdalo group that staged the July 27 mutiny, NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco admitted yesterday

"We did not have to do that," Wycoco said by way of commenting on the charge of unnamed investigators that the NBI had failed to perform a procedure as elementary as taking fingerprints from a crime scene. He said there was other evidence that commanded the NBI agents' attention during the pre-dawn raid on Ramon "Eki" Cardenas' house in Makati, which is suspected of being one of the rebel soldiers' staging points.

The house on 2177 Paraiso St. in Dasmariñas Village had reportedly contained high-powered firearms, red armbands and banners bearing the Magdalo symbol, and medical kits when it was stormed by the NBI and the Philippine National Police's Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

Wycoco also assailed Cardenas' lawyer, Rene Saguisag, for criticizing him for the evidence he had presented.

NBI/ A15

Laarni: I have to speak up as mother charged with rebellion, my God

By Armand N. Nocum

LAARNI Enriquez is defiant.

"If you're armed with the truth you won't be afraid," she told the INQUIRER during a rare lengthy interview.

But like all mothers, Enriquez, 40, fears for her children—Jerica, 18, Jake, 13, and Jacob, 7.

"My only worry is my children. They are affected by all of this," she said.

"They told me then that I had to wait for proper court proceedings before I should speak up. But this time I am coming out because it is I, a mother, who is charged with rebellion. My God!" she said.

"Grabe na, siguro akala kasi nila tatahimik ako, matatakot kami, maggi-give in kami. Not this time. Grabe na 'to. Wala na, dapang-dapa na nga si Sir (Estrada), *sinisipa pa nila* (This is too much. They think I will just keep silent, that we will be afraid, that we will just give in. Sir is already down, yet they still want to kick him around)," Enriquez said.

The children have been asking her what would happen to them should she, like their father, former President Joseph Estrada, also be put in jail for allegedly supporting the mutiny of the soldiers who took over the Oakwood Premier in Makati City last July 27.

"Para sila mga basang sisiw. Hindi pa sila nakakaka-recover *sa* harassment, *yung kahihiyan sa* impeachment (trial*), eto na naman* (They look so pitiful. They haven't recovered yet from the harassment, the embarrassment of the impeachment trial, but here we go again)," Enriquez said.

Jerica, she said, wanted to stay with her and has offered not to leave the country on Aug. 25 for her studies in London.

She said Jacob, after seeing the news on television that she was being charged with rebellion, asked her: "Mommy, why are you on TV? We are scared. What will happen to us? Daddy's in jail and now you."

She said her children are afraid she will be subjected to the same humiliation suffered by their "Tito Eki" (Ramon Cardenas) who was presented before the media in a detainee's suit and handcuffs.

Cardenas, who served as head of the Presidential Management Staff during Estrada's time, was earlier charged with rebellion for allegedly allowing mutinous soldiers to use his house in Dasmariñas Village, Makati City as a safehouse.

"No mother in her right senses would deliberately destroy her children's' future by supporting a coup," she said.

"Why will I gamble with the future of my children?" she asked, pointing out the absurdity of the accusations that said she had allowed her house in Mandaluyong to be used as a safehouse by the soldiers.

LAARNI/ A16

PDI PHOTO FILE

SPLENDID backdrop for a disastrous exercise: The 306-room Oakwood Premier in Ayala Center.

OTHER SIDE OF THE COUP

Oakwood staff: Hearts spoke louder than a thousand guns

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

COULD there be anything positive in being stormed in the dead of night by rebellious soldiers armed to the teeth and having your 600 guests, including diplomats, trapped for 22 hours?

To the owners and top executives of the 306-room Oakwood Premier Ayala Center, the events of July 27 surely brought out the heroism, selflessness and grace under extreme pressure of its 44 employees.

"Hundreds of lives were at stake—families, women, children of all nationalities. The economy and future of the Philippines may have hung in the balance. An entire world stood riveted to the news of the unfolding crisis. But inside Oakwood Premier, the day was won by the quiet heroism of a dedicated group of people who carry the Ayala and Oakwood flags, whose hearts spoke louder than a thousand guns," said James Klein, president of the Oakwood Worldwide group.

The Los Angeles-based Oakwood Worldwide says it is the largest global provider of serviced apartments in the world, with locations throughout the United States, the United Kingdom and Asia.

For the first time in its 43-year history, Oakwood Worldwide gave out Distinguished Service Awards to 44 employees led by general manager

OAKWOOD/ A16

At last, Sarah finds Mr. Right

By Christian V. Esguerra

AT LAST, Mr. Right.

Sarah Balabagan, who as a young overseas worker stabbed her employer dead in Abu Dhabi while fending off his advances and subsequently came close to death herself, is engaged to marry her boyfriend of three years.

"He's the guy I've been waiting for," Sarah, now 24 and a single mother, said of Russell Vergara, himself a former overseas worker 10 years her senior.

Sarah said her parents will fly to Manila from her native Sultan Kudarat next month to meet Russell, who had sought the meeting as the occasion to formally ask for her hand. They will marry in Islamic rites at the end of the year, most probably in Manila, she said.

The two were so obviously in love.

During the interview with the INQUIRER on Aug. 3 at the home of former Ambassador Roy Señeres in Las Piñas, they hardly left each other's side, their fingers constantly intertwined.

The first thing they did when they became lovers, Sarah recalled, was to disclose each other's past. Then they agreed to leave everything behind and to start afresh together.

Sarah said she told Russell about what happened to her in Abu Dhabi. She was actually 14 when she flew to the United Arab Emirates in 1993, carrying documents that listed her age as 28. In 1994 her employer tried to rape her, and she stabbed him with a knife—for which she was arrested and imprisoned with a death sentence.

Russell, once a fixture in TV shows as a professional back-up dancer, admitted to Sarah that he had a daughter from a previous relationship. She admired him for his honesty.

The rest, the couple said, they left to be re-

AT LAST/ A15

WEDDING bells will be ringing for Sarah Balabagan who will march down the aisle with Russel Vergara in December.

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: The Western sections of Northern and Central Luzon will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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Abide by deal with mutineers, solon urges GMA

PILI, CAMARINES SUR—President Macapagal-Arroyo should abide by the agreements reached by the Magdalo mutineers and the government's chief negotiator, Ambasador Roy Cimatu, Sen. Ramon Magsasay Jr. said yesterday.

Magsaysay, chair of the Senate committee on defense which is investigating the failed July 27 Makati siege, said the rebel soldiers should be tried by a military court, not by a civilian court.

This was among the agreements, he said, and the President's earlier decision to have the mutineers tried by both military and civilian courts violated it.

He also disapproved of Ms Macapagal's inclusion of the enlisted personnel in the rebellion charges against their leaders.

"I've not seen the formal agreement because it was verbal," Magsaysay told the INQUIRER, "but if they were ordered to return to barracks, I think there should be no charges."

Magsaysay denied that Ms Macapagal was imposing on both houses of Congress when she asked them to suspend the separate coup investigations by the Senate and House.

"Malacañang pleaded with us and we saw that it was (reasonable)," he said. "Imagine if there was a public hearing, all the ranking military officers were (present), and there was another coup d'etat?" *Alan Pelayo, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

LAWMAKER SAYS DOJ WAS RIGHT

'Rebels may face raps in 2 courts'

By Carlito Pablo, Philip Tubeza and Juliet Labog-Javellana

THE DEPARTMENT of Justice was correct in filing a criminal complaint for coup d'état against the rebellious officers involved in the failed July 27 coup, Rep. Raul Gonzalez said yesterday amid the seeming confusion over jurisdiction and the purported risk of double jeopardy for the accused soldiers.

"Those who criticize the government for filing the cases do not know their law," said Gonzalez, the House deputy speaker for the Visayas who is a former Tanodbayan, the old name for the Ombudsman.

Gonzalez said military officers and men can be tried simultaneously before civilian and military courts under a law passed in 1991 which sought to strengthen civilian supremacy over the military.

He said there would be no conflict in jurisdiction between civil and military courts so long as the offenses are "distinguished" and filed in the appropriate venues.

As for double jeopardy, he said there would be no risk of that if the mutineers are charged with coup d'état or rebellion in the civilian courts and with "service-connected" offenses in the military tribunal.

In letters he sent to the Armed Forces and the justice department, Gonzalez explained that Republic Act 7055, which amended the Articles of War in 1991, provides that when a military officer commits an act punishable under the Revised Penal Code, he must be tried in the civil courts.

But if the offense is service-related as defined in the Articles of War, the officer must be tried in a court martial.

Gonzalez said going absent without leave, desertion, conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman and insulting the President and Commander in Chief are service-related and must be tried in a court martial.

But mounting a military rebellion or coup are offenses punishable under the Revised Penal Code and should be tried in civilian courts.

Gonzalez, however, warned the military against charging the rebellious soldiers with the crime of mutiny in a military tribunal.

Uprising in camp

He explained that mutiny is defined in the Articles of War as an uprising in a military camp and not a rebellion to oust the duly constituted government. Rebellion, on the other hand, is defined as a crime under the Revised Penal Code.

"If the lawyers of the mutineers question the jurisdiction of the court martial on the case of mutiny, this case could be dismissed which would be a big blow to the government," Gonzalez said.

To be safe, he said the rebellious soldiers should not be charged with mutiny in the military tribunal but with coup d'etat or rebellion in a civilian court.

"They may, however, be charged simultaneously for going Awol and (for) insulting the President, which are punished under the Articles of War and triable by court martial," Gonzalez said.

The congressman noted that the military rebels should be grateful for being charged under the Revised Penal Code as the maximum penalty for rebellion and coup d'état is life imprisonment. Under the Articles of War, mutiny is punishable by death."

The justice department, meanwhile, said it and not the Ombudsman has jurisdiction over the cases against government personnel charged with participating in the July 27 failed coup.

Justice Undersecretary Merceditas Gutierrez said this would include the charges against Sen. Gregorio Honasan and several leaders of the Philippine Guardians Brotherhood Inc.

Acting Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio claimed last Friday that the National Bureau of Investigation should have filed the charges against the 321 mutineers before the Ombudsman and not the DOJ as the Ombudsman had the "primary jurisdiction to conduct the preliminary investigation."

Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño argued that under RA 7055, the mutineers can be charged before civilian courts and if so, the preliminary investigation should be conducted by the DOJ as long as the offense is not service-related.

Zuño said that the mutinous soldiers were "below salary grade 27" and so the DOj had jurisdiction over them. "Mutiny is not part of a soldier's (job)," the chief prosecutor said.

Zuño also said he had discussed the matter with Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo, who is now on leave, and Marcelo did not raise any objections.

No marching orders from Gringo, say Guardians

By TJ Burgonio

SEN. GREGORIO "Gringo" Honasan did not issue any orders for the Philippine Guardians Brotherhood Inc. to mass up in Makati City and lend support to the mutiny mounted by junior military officers at the Oakwood Premier on July 27.

But if he did, the Guardians Luzon chapter could have easily mobilized 10,000 of its more than 25,000 members in Metro Manila and filled up the area around the exclusive apartment-hotel, PGBI vice president Col. Virgilio Briones (ret.) said.

"If there was an advise from Senator Honasan, we would have been there on July 27. But there was none so we did not go. We would not have gone, however, if the purpose was to destabilize our government," Briones said. "As I said earlier, we don't follow illegal orders."

Briones signed a "peace covenant" with Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and AFP chief of staff Gen. Narciso Abaya in Camp Aguinaldo at noon yesterday and pledged his group would support the "duly constituted authority."

The covenant included a commitment to uphold the Constitution and the rule of law, to maintain peace and order, protect the government institutions, and renounce the use of violence, force and intimidation to achieve an objective.

Some PGBI members, carrying National Recovery Program streamers, were seen marching toward Oakwood on the morning of July 27, but were held back by police before they could reach the apartment-hotel.

Reyes said Briones' revelation that the Guardians did not join the mutiny proved the coup attempt "did not have mass support."

"They (mutineers) don't have the support of the Guardians, what more the mass of the people? What they did on July 27 had no support at all," he said.

Also present at the covenant signing were retired Col. Romeo Lazo and at least 100 Guardian members. Other officials of the PGBI have asked members to close ranks and defend the organization from criticism.

"There are those who are trying to label the National Recovery Program written by (Honasan) as subversive because of the endorsement given to it by the young officers and soldiers. They are trying to weaken our resolve to peacefully pursue the immediate reforms needed by our country," the PGBI said in a statement sent to its Ilocos chapter on Friday.

"We follow the chain of command subject to legal limitations. We also maintain our trust and confidence in the PGBI leadership," lawyer Rex Alvin Bilagot, PGBI Ilocos region chair, told the INQUIRER.

Bilagot said there are about 600,000 members in the country affiliated with Honasan's PGBI faction.

"In the face of continuing attacks, misinformation and lies being fed to the membership of PGBI and to the public, we should issue statements (expressing) our continuing support for the leadership of (Honasan), the national leadership and the NRP. This will disprove the falsehood being used by opportunists... to smear the good name of the PGBI that we have nurtured through the years," the statement said. *With Jerome Aning, Manila, and Leoncio Balbin Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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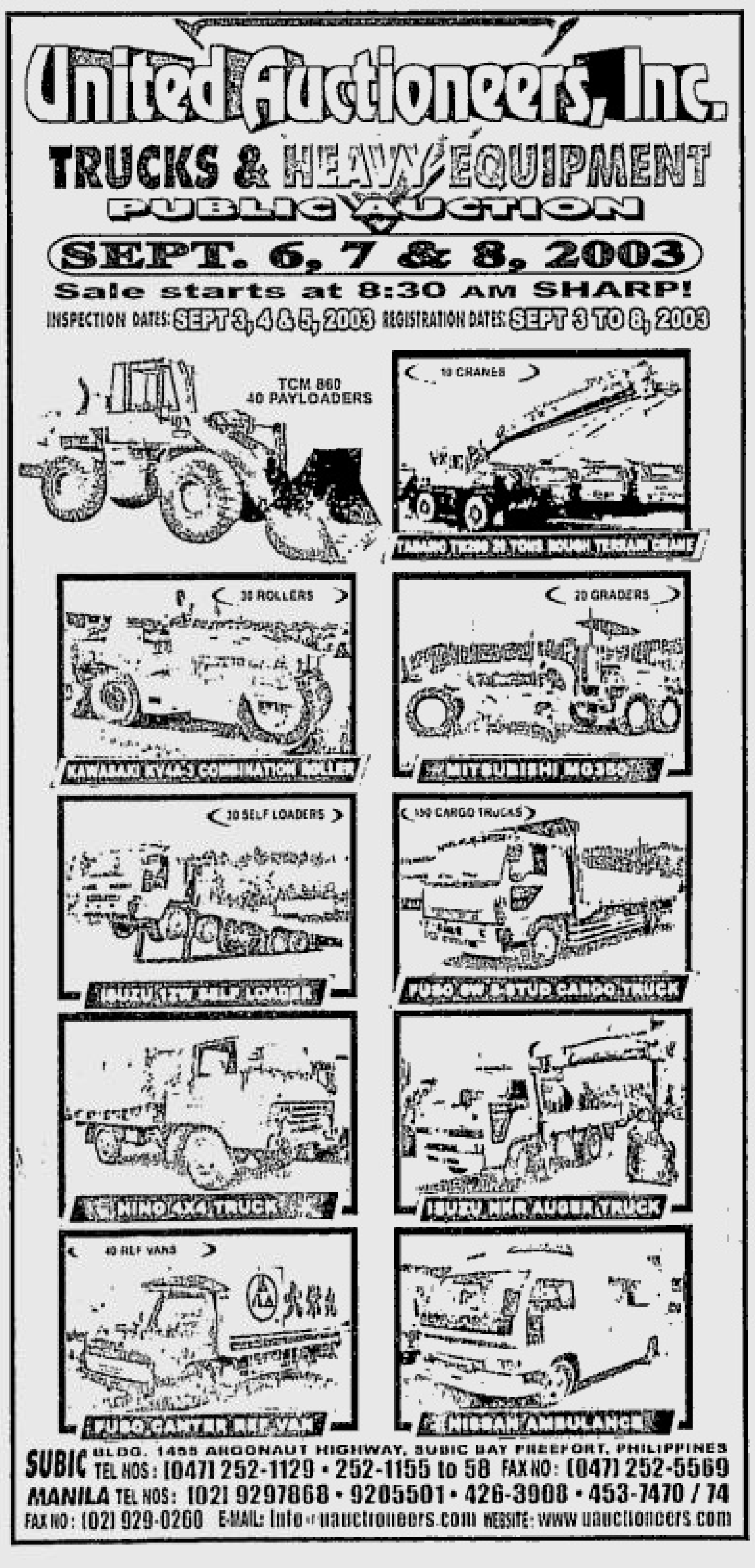
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House OKs, Senate nixes Palace call for joint probe

By Michael Lim Ubac and Carlito Pablo

MALACAÑANG'S request for a joint instead of a parallel congressional investigation into the July 27 failed coup has been welcomed by the House but rejected by the Senate.

Senate President Franklin Drilon yesterday said the senators, during a caucus on Monday, voted for the two chambers to conduct separate inquiries in their own chambers.

But Drilon said the Aug. 7 announcement by his office postponing the scheduled Aug. 8 hearing featuring the rebel officers to Aug. 14 had not been changed.

Speaker Jose de Venecia, acknowledging Malacañang security assessments, said if there were fewer investigations there would be more time for military and defense officials to go after the remnants of the failed rebellion.

"We must rally to the flag. We rallied to the flag on the day of the coup and we must rally to the flag now because of the continuing residual threat," the speaker said.

Opposition Sen. Aquilino Pimentel said, however, a joint congressional investigation would be chaotic and unwieldy with 22 senator-probers and 250 from the House.

He said a joint session would violate the constitutional doctrine of "civilian supremacy over the military" and sacrifice the "integrity and independence of the Senate."

Pimentel assailed the reported Malacañang request to hear the testimony of the rebellious junior officers behind closed doors and in Camp Aguinaldo.

Drilon said the Senate's agreeing to hold the inquiry behind closed doors was "obligatory" under the Constitution and was no longer at the "discretion" of the Senate.

"It is obligatory when national security is invoked by the President," he said, adding that the President's request was reasonable.

Drilon said the inquiry would help senators craft remedial legislation to address the restiveness in the military. One such proposed legislation is Sen. Rodolfo Biazon's bill proposing that only civilians be appointed as defense secretary.

Rep. Raul Gonzalez, House deputy speaker for the Visayas, said that while there is no precedent on joint congressional hearings there is no constitutional prohibition against conducting one.

He said national security considerations could also be invoked to justify a closed-door session.

3 Koreans shot dead in Cavite

THREE South Korean men were shot dead along a highway in Silang, Cavite, following what police suspect was a business deal gone awry.

The three were found late Friday sprawled near two parked cars, one of which was riddled with bullet holes, patrolman Erwin Loredes said. Two of the victims were identified as Jeong Kyu Shin, a nightclub operator, and Lee Shok Keun. The third man was unidentified. A fourth man was seen fleeing the scene, according to police.

Regional police chief Jaime Caringal said the victims were apparently "moneyed foreigners involved in casino financing." Quoting witnesses, Silang Chief Insp. Conrado Gongon Jr. said Jeong, 40, and Lee, 53, were on their way to Tagaytay City to collect on a debt.

Jeong, who was driving, stopped his car and parked on the roadside, and another car going in the opposite direction also stopped. A man from the second vehicle got out and climbed into Jeong's, and moments later shots rang out, Gongon said. *AP, AFP*

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Corpus won't give up fight

HE may have resigned as chief of military intelligence to quiet somewhat the restiveness in the ranks, but Brig. General Victor Corpus told civil society members Friday night he would still be around to continue the fight against an old foe: narco-politics.

"My only disappointment (in leaving the intelligence service) is that there are still some important jobs left undone, like the campaign against narco-politics," Corpus told civil society members who feted him at the Ateneo University grade school auditorium in Quezon City.

"There is still a danger the huge profits being derived from drug trafficking will be used to gain political power. If we do not remain vigilant, we might wake up someday having a president that is a member of a drug syndicate," he warned.

"So even if I'm no longer in Isafp (Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines), I give my word we will continue this fight to prevent this from happening," Corpus said.

These words drew the loudest applause from the 300 or so people who had gathered at the testimonial dinner in his honor. The affair, hosted by pop singers Jim Paredes and Leah Navarro, was organized by groups that included Code-NGO, Konsyensyang Pilipino and Bagong Bandila, among others.

Corpus said he "will be free for consultancy," when asked later in what capacity he would be involved in the fight against illegal drugs.

"I have established a vast network and many (informants) still report to me. I still know a lot," he said in Filipino.

Corpus merely smiled and said he could be courting a libel suit when he was asked if he was referring to opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson in his talk. As Isafp chief, Corpus had accused Lacson of having links to kidnap and drug syndicates.

So far, though, no solid evidence has been found to bolster Corpus' allegations.

In an Aug. 5 INQUIRER story, Corpus admitted "miscalculations" in Isafp's handling of a witness against Lacson, Ador Mawanay, whose credibility was placed in doubt during a Senate investigation.

Corpus admitted he also erred in naming restaurant owner Kim Wong as a drug accomplice of Lacson's. Corpus had misidentified Wong in a picture he gave to the media.

Absentee voters now number 10,000

OVERSEAS voter registration breached the 10,000 mark in its first week, according to the Commission on Elections.

The latest data culled by the Comelec's absentee voting secretariat showed that a large majority of the early registrants, or 6,172, were Hong Kong-based Filipinos.

Filipinos in the United States and Canada accounted for 660, and those from other parts of Asia, 616.

Overseas Workers' Welfare Administation chief Virgilio Angelo said the figures were expected to rise toward the end of September.

Absentee voter registration started on Aug. 1 and will end Sept. 30. The government expects 2.5 million overseas Filipinos to register for the 2004 polls.

Angelo, who met with groups of overseas workers during a recent visit to Europe, thought the initial turnout was low, but said this could be attributed to the fact that registrants were required to first file affidavits vowing to return to the country within three years. *Martin P. Marfil*

Bush, Carter laud Helena Benitez

FORMER Sen. Helena Benitez was congratulated by United States President George W. Bush and former President Jimmy Carter for two international honors conferred on her recently in New York and Washington DC.

Dr. Benitez, chairperson of the Philippine Women's University, was inducted into the Democracy Hall of Fame International by the National Graduate University during ceremonies held in Capitol Hill, Washington DC.

"We are delighted to send our warmest greetings as you celebrate this significant occasion," Bush and his wife Laura said.

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Dr. Walter Boek, NGU president, said Dr. Benitez was only the third, and the first woman, to be granted the rare recognition. The first two were US Presidents Harry S. Truman and Ronald Reagan.

Benitez was also named 2003 Filipino Apostolate Awardee of the Filipino Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New York.

In his personal felicitations, Carter said: "We admire your commitment to making a better world through your gift of friendship. Your leadership has made a difference in so many links. Your example of moral and spiritual values is certain to inspire countless other for many years to come."

Fr. Erno Diaz, director of the apostolate, said that Benitez had been cited for "her farsighted vision and inspiration, and for bringing into fruition a center to meet the pastoral and spiritual needs of the growing Filipino community in the Archdiocese of New York."

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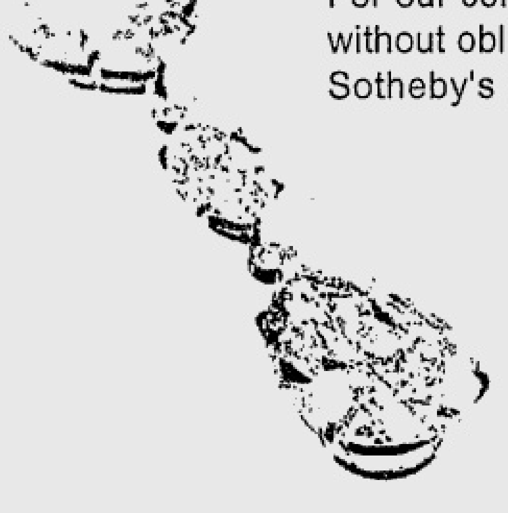

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If the suspension becomes law, it could discourage passengers from using US airlines in the future, travel agents warned.

One week ago, the US government suspended for at least 60 days the transit-without-visa and international-to-international programs that allowed foreigners to stop over at US airports without visas to await flights to other countries.

The Homeland Security and State departments explained that terrorist groups had been planning to exploit the programs to gain access to the United States and its airports.

While the government's latest action may help prevent terror attacks, it has created huge headaches for thousands of passengers around the world who had taken advantage of the loopholes to travel through the United States while avoiding the extra time and cost required to obtain a US visa.

"People can't afford another $100 on top of all the other expenses," said Rocio Valderamma of the Lima, Peru travel agency Top Tours, referring to the visa application fee. "People will travel less."

Those hardest hit by the new flight security precautions are from Asian and Latin American countries including the Philippines, South Korea, Peru and Mexico.

Passengers from 27 "visa-waiver" countries—mostly in Europe—are not affected by the suspensions.

"What a nightmare," said Alexandra Salas, a 20-year-old secretary from Mexico City who borrowed $100 from her parents and picked up a visa application at the US Embassy, where a long line of visa seekers snaked outside the building. "They could have made it a little easier on us." *AP*

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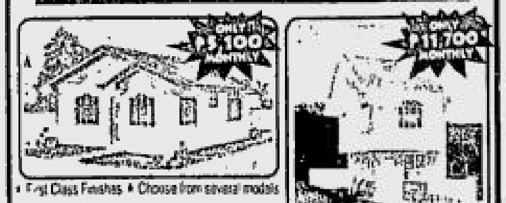

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Smiling bomber

EDITORIALS

WHEN Amrozi bin Nurhasyim was found guilty by an Indonesian court last Thursday of involvement in the Bali terrorist attack, the courtroom erupted in loud applause. But to the television viewer watching the raucous scene, the clatter was silenced by Amrozi's happy embrace of his fate.

Amrozi, the so-called smiling bomber because he appeared to smile constantly throughout his trial, raised his right hand as if in salute, turned to the crowd, flashed a broad grin, and then gave a thumbs-up sign. At that moment, right after he was sentenced to die by firing squad for his part in killing 202 people last October, the terrorist, who once said he was "happy to die a martyr," looked every inch like a man whose dream was coming true.

His dream, our nightmare. Amrozi's beaming face reminds us of the essential question that lies at the heart of the international war on terror: How do we stop terrorists like Amrozi, who are happy to die for their cause?

Let us not be sidetracked by the appeal Amrozi's lawyers have filed on his behalf. "I have to use the facilities that the law provides for the benefit of my client," a defense counsel explained over the weekend.

The real issue is symbolized in Amrozi's ready smile. People who saw in it certain proof of lunacy miss the point. On the day of his sentencing, Amrozi chanted to the crowd, as he had done throughout his trial. "God is great," he shouted. "Oh Jews, the army of Mohammed is marching back to victory." That explains the constant smiling. The smiling bomber was happy to be part of a great army on the march.

Many of the people in the courtroom were survivors of the Bali attack, or families and friends of the victims. (All told, 202 people from 21 countries died, including 88 Australians, 38 Indonesians, and 23 Britons.) They welcomed the verdict and the sentence. The father of a 20-year-old son who died in the attack said he wanted Amrozi dead. "Amrozi is just one man. He cost 200 people their lives. One life for all those lives doesn't mean a lot but I think it's something," Kevin Paltridge was quoted by the BBC as saying.

We commiserate with the victims and their loved ones, but we believe that killing Amrozi—one of at least five men identified as being behind the attack—is the wrong answer to the essential question in the war on terror. Executing Amrozi, instead of sentencing him to life in prison, will not stop other terrorists; on the contrary, it will encourage more of them to take the high road to martyrdom.

Jun Hirst, whose British boyfriend had died in the blast, told the BBC that Amrozi's execution will only "cause more violence, more terror attacks." She then added: "I don't want him to die thinking that he's completed his work, that he's done everything that God wants him to do."

A judicial system complicit in turning him into a martyr: No wonder Amrozi was smiling.

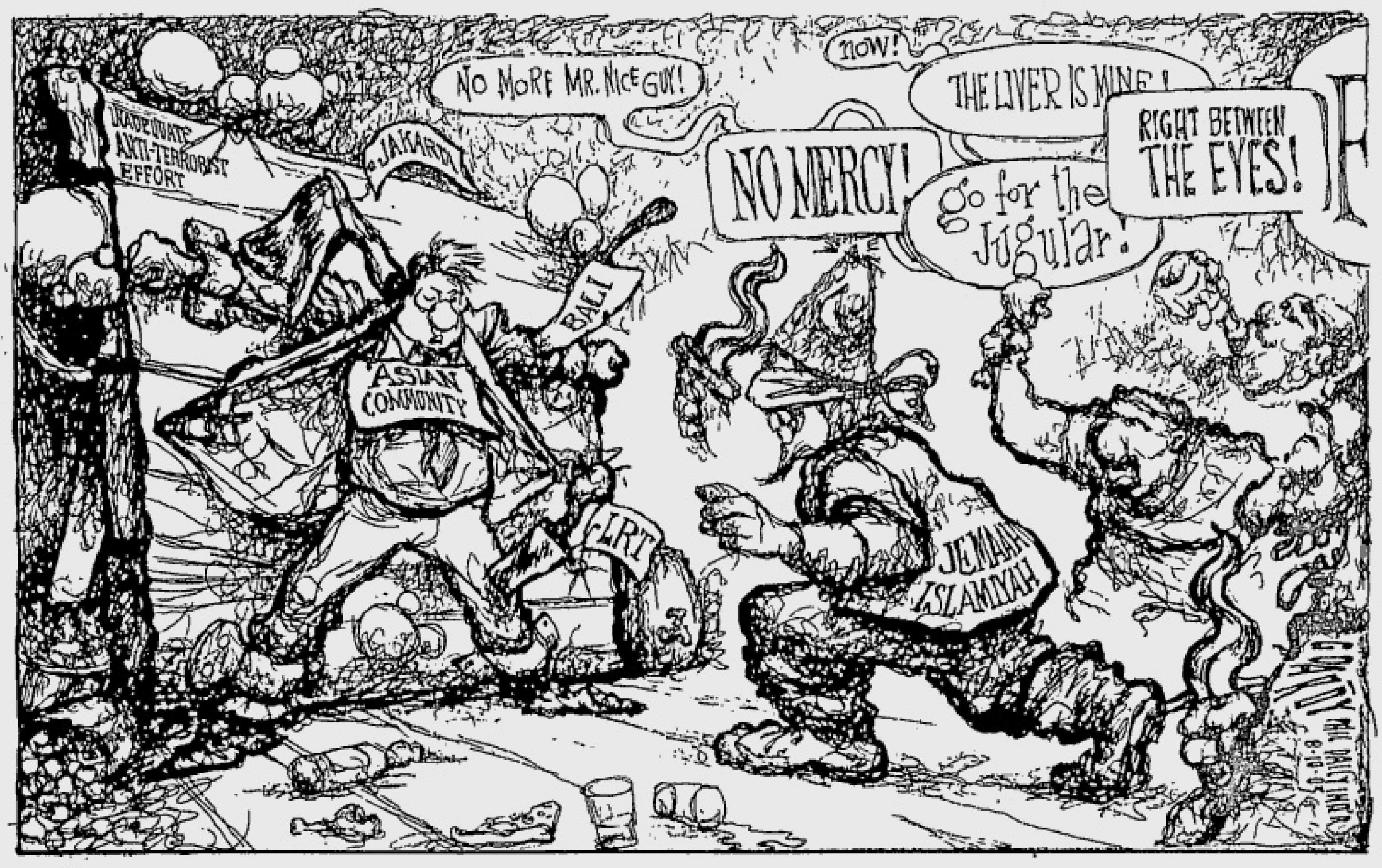
Silent fugitive

ON THE SAME day that Bali bomber Amrozi was sentenced to death, fugitive Abdulmukim Ong Edris—who escaped with Indonesian bombmaker Fathur Rohman al-Ghozi from Camp Crame last month—was killed by the military in Sultan Dimaporo town in Lanao del Norte.

The official story, as retailed by military spokespersons, was that Edris and an alleged Moro separatist commander, Mahmud Esmail, were killed when, after being arrested, they reportedly tried to wrest their captors' guns and made another dash to freedom.

The overwhelming skepticism that greeted the announcement—"grabbing a captor's firearm is an old, old song," Sen. Aquilino Pimentel said on Friday—shows that public perception of the July 14 escape has solidified: Most people now think that the detainees escaped only with the help of the authorities. In this sordid light, the killing of Edris—reportedly a government "asset"—can only be understood as part of a cover-up.

The President has ordered the Armed Forces to disclose the full circumstances of Edris' death, but if Al-Ghozi also turns up dead, not even the fullest disclosure will matter. The public will remember that dead men tell no tales, and take their cue from that.



Investigations

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THE BEST way to delay a case is to have it investigated by a body with authority only to recommend and not to prosecute.

This is what happened to the legislative investigation of Panfilo Lacson on charges of drug trafficking and other serious crimes. The probe began in 2001. Three Senate committees conducted the inquiry, which attracted national attention on television and the other mass media.

It was abruptly terminated on Sept. 5 of that year on the ground that the committees had heard enough to reach a decision. Their report was rendered in 2002, but was not calendared for deliberation by the Senate plenary for various reasons. The report was blocked again two months ago, this time because of the compulsory adjournment of Congress on June 6. 2003.

Last Monday, Sen. Robert Z. Barbers, chair of the lead committee on public order and illegal drugs, was finally able to deliver his sponsorship speech on Committee Report No. 237 (formerly Report No. 66) and ask for its approval by the Senate. Senator Lacson did not interpellate but afterwards delivered his own speech attacking the report.

The result was that Senate President Franklin Drilon, instead of calling for a vote on the report, gave the investigating committees time to rebut Lacson's allegations. That meant another delay, which may also extend to years as in the original decision. The issue may never be resolved at all, what with the approach of the campaign period for the 2004 elections that many candidates are already violating.

The re-electionist senators may be thinking of their own political survival instead of involving themselves in the Lacson case. Some of them may be hoping that it can be further delayed until the end of their current term so they will not have to vote on it. As cautious campaigners, they may fear that taking a stand on their colleague, favorable or adverse, may affect their own re-election bids. Some of them are even being mentioned as presidential candidate Lacson's possible running-mate.

On top of all this is the current investigation of the Oakwood mutiny, which has deflected public attention from the Lacson probe. Many people have lost interest in that old case and are now turning their curiosity on the new developments in the more exciting drama. The star this time is another senator, the elusive Gregorio Honasan. He is suspected of being the leader again of yet another coup attempt, as in 1987 and 1989.

Several investigations are being planned, or may have already begun, by several bodies. The President has created a commission headed by former Justice Secretary Sedfrey A. Ordoñez and another chaired by former Supreme Court Justice Florentino P. Feliciano. The Senate has announced its intention to conduct its own probe "in aid of legislation," and so, not to be outdone, has the House of Representatives. The AFP may be planning its own investigation prior to initiating court martial proceedings.

With all these too many cooks, the broth is likely to be spoiled. Or it may, as usual, be uncooked, or unduly delayed. Worse, the investigating bodies may come to conflicting conclusions (unless ordered otherwise by the President who created them and may withdraw from them the "the breath of life"). As for the legislative investigations, not much can be expected from them if we go by the sorry record of useless congressional probes.

We may reasonably apprehend a closing of ranks among the senators to protect their own regardless of partisan differences. This could be the most important reason for the delay in the Lacson case, and it may well now operate in favor of Honasan. The copycat House of Representatives may be similarly motivated, but its principal purpose could be mere grandstanding. Most legislative inquiries are done in aid of re-election.

The "inaccessible" Honasan, as he describes himself, has become a pathetic figure... By going into hiding, which is what he is doing despite his silly euphemism, he has revealed his yellow streak. He is like a scared rabbit. His escape has already indicted him with "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman" in violation of the strict military code he swore to follow when he was in the PMA like his classmate Lacson. Honasan's "inaccessibility" reminds me of the Biblical saying that "the wicked flee when no man pursueth but the righteous are as bold as a lion."

If Honasan claims that he has nothing to do with the Oakwood mutiny, he should be brave enough—even resentful enough—to face the music and refute the charges. In fact, he does not even have to defend himself because he enjoys the constitutional presumption of innocence unless the contrary is proved. This must be done by the prosecution, failing which the accused must be absolved. That is the rule in the free society...

In saying all this, I make no judgment on the innocence or guilt of the missing Honasan. Obviously, I have no authority to do this. I am merely making these comments as an ordinary private citizen disturbed by the recent turn of events that began at Oakwood and promises more significant revelations. The security of the nation, and particularly the integrity of our Republic, is the concern of every Filipino.

Live well, live on. . .

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

LAST week, I was called to bring the Sacrament of the Sick to a rich old man who was stricken with cancer. He really wanted to get well and live. In fact, three times, as I was praying over him, he interrupted me. The first time he said: "Father Orbos, please, help me get well." The second time, he said: "Father Orbos, if you help me get well, name your price." The third time, he said: "Father Orbos, if I get well, you can ask for anything, and I will give it to you."

Wow! You can just imagine how hard I prayed for him to get well! One part of me was praying for him to get well so that I would receive a big donation for our Filipino missionaries in foreign missions. The other part of me was praying that he would be able to accept the beautiful life awaiting him after this life.

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The desire for immortality is as old as man himself. Human history is filled with accounts of man's quest for forever. There have been many who offered a formula for eternity, but only one has offered His very flesh, for the life of the world, the Living Bread come down from Heaven (Jn. 6, 41-51).

Who doesn't want to live up to 80 or 90 and enjoy a good life? But sooner or later, we all have to accept that life on earth is not forever. It has to come to an end. None of us will stay on in the world. None of us will leave this world alive.

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It is not enough to live or spend our lives making a living. We must have a life. We must have a well-spent life. We must live well, and this doesn't mean living in comfort and luxury. Living well means living a life that is full, i.e., beautiful, meaningful, truthful, God-full and love-full.

What is your life full of?

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Some people hoard so much in life, and their constant concern in life is to hoard even more, at all cost, even at the cost of their health, of their peace of mind, of their good name, and yes, of their very soul. Again, what can we bring with us when we leave this world? Those who have so much should reflect on these words of Mahatma Gandhi: "If people possess something they don't use, they become thieves."

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How does one live? Someone once said that there are three things a man can do to become immortal: plant a tree, write a book or sire a son. Me? Well, I've planted trees, I've written four books to date, and... I'll write another book, and then another book!

Kidding aside, we all hope to live on in the hearts of people because of the goodness we have done. Someone put it so beautifully: "The heart remembers all the moments when a little love made all the difference."

How will you be remembered? Will people remember you at all, the big shot that you are now? A good man is never gone. He lives on in the hearts and minds and stories of people whose lives he has helped, touched or inspired.

Today, let us take time to remember those people who have helped, touched and inspired us. Let us continue the good things they have done. Let them live on in us.

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I do a lot of sick calls. I have been to many hospitals and have walked in and out of so many ICUs. I have often wondered how it would be like when finally I would be in one of those ICU beds (if I ever get there at all). What will my "pre-departure" thoughts be like? Will my thoughts be filled with regrets and remorse? Will I be saddened by the could-have-beens and the should-have-beens in my life? Will I be afraid of facing my Creator soon? Will I come before Him in shame because so often I have ignored Him and disobeyed Him? Will I shudder at the thought that I have hurt, cheated, used and abused people?

How about my loved ones whom I will leave behind? Have I prepared them to be strong and to be dependent on God, or did I just leave to them money and material wealth which will sustain them or destroy them?

Come to think of it, these should be daily thoughts because every day, including today, could be "pre-departure" already.

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My cousin, Msgr. Marlo Peralta, parish priest of Pozorrubio, Pangasinan, sent me this beautiful text message: "Notice how God opens millions of flowers every day without forcing the buds! Don't try to force anything. Let life be a constant letting go and letting God."

Maybe that's what living in God means, "a constant letting go, and letting God." If we do not learn to let go and let God now, our departure from this world will be very turbulent and troubled. We all will have to make that final journey someday. At that point, nothing of what we have and no one among those we know will be able to assist us except the Lord, and the people who will care to pray for us because they were recipients of our love.

Learn to surrender, to let go, to let God. Now.

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Live in God. If you live in God, you will live well. If you live well, you will live on in the hearts of people, and you will live on with God. So live in God. ***Sino ba ang ka live-in mo?***

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to live in You, so that I can live well, and live on. Amen.

The Great Indian Mutiny

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

FOR MANY years prior to 1858, British rule in India was exercised through the British East India Company, a commercial organization which maintained its own armed forces distinct from the British Army itself. The company divided the country into three administrative areas: Bombay, Madras and Bengal, each with its own army and headed by its own commander in chief. The three armies were paid for entirely from company revenues and together far outnumbered the regular British forces.

The officers were British/Europeans trained at the company's military academy in England, while the vast majority of the soldiers were native troops, or sepoys—a term for an Indian soldier who served under British officers. The sepoys were mostly Hindus and those with the Bengal army came from the Uttar Pradesh state in northern India. They were loyal and able soldiers treated with much affection and trusted by their commanders. They even took part in overseas conflicts fought by Great Britain. A good example was their participation in the British occupation of the Philippines in 1762-1764. By 1857, the sepoys numbered over 250,000 strong.

Gradually however, the closeness between the British officers and their Indian subjects started to fade. This change was attributed to many factors, such as the advent of steamships which made it possible for wives and children to come over and join their menfolk, the arrival of overzealous missionaries with little understanding of, or respect for, India's ancient faiths, the spread of Western ideas and education, and political decrees which conflicted with traditional ways of doing things.

Against this background of growing unease and discontent, rumors emphasizing the controversial issues began to spread among the soldiers.

The "grievance," if one may call it as such, that actually sparked the mutiny was the adoption of a new piece of equipment, the Enfield rifle. The projectile for this rifle was part of a self-contained paper cartridge that included both ball and powder charge. It required only the end to be bitten off and the cartridge was then forced down the muzzle of the weapon. To ease this procedure, the cartridge was heavily greased with animal fat. The sepoys heard and quickly spread the rumor that the grease was a mixture of cow (sacred to Hindus) and pig (disgusting to Muslims) fat. The British were slow in appreciating the seriousness of this issue and by the time they took steps to address the matter, it was too late. The stage was set for a great tragedy.

On May 9, 1857, 85 sepoys of the Third Light Cavalry, based in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, were arrested, court-martialed and sentenced to 10 years of hard labor for refusing to use the supposedly polluted cartridges. The next day, the rest of the unit set their comrades free and proceeded to attack the Europeans or Christians in the town. Whole families—men, women and children—were slaughtered. The unit then headed for Delhi where they were joined by the native garrison, and proclaimed the Moghul ruler as their emperor.

The following month another group of sepoys rebelled against British troops in Kanpur, also in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Sir Hugh Massey Wheeler, the commander of the Kanpur garrison, held out for three weeks. But faced with a growing shortage of food supplies and continuing loss of men, he agreed to surrender on condition that safe conduct was to be given for his troops, their wives and children. However, once embarked on boats at the river Ganges, they were fired upon by the rebels who killed about 600 of the garrison, including Sir Hugh. They took some 200 survivors, including women and children, back to the city. When British troops moved to recapture the city, all the prisoners were killed and their bodies thrown into the city well. This massacre greatly inflamed British anger and led to extremely harsh reprisals on their part.

After massive reinforcements arrived from Britain, retaliation was swift and cruel, with Indians calling it the "Devil's Wind." No sepoys were left alive after their positions were overrun. The decision was made not to take prisoners and actions ended with a frenzied use of the bayonet. Later when prisoners started to be taken and trials held, those convicted of mutiny were lashed to the muzzles of cannon and a roundshot fired through their bodies. It was a particularly cruel punishment with a religious dimension: by blowing the body to pieces, the Muslim victim lost all hope of entering paradise.

A study of the mutiny revealed a civilian component with native rulers and influential landlords supporting the uprising. The mutiny left a legacy of bitterness which persisted for at least a generation. It also caused the dissolution of the East India Company's authority and provided for the administration of India through a Secretary of State for India in the British Cabinet.

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Although these events transpired almost 150 years ago, it serves to remind us that grievances, if left unattended and allowed to fester by the authorities, could lead to more serious consequences, particularly if there exist other issues fueling unrest. To say that the Indian Mutiny was a misjudgment about the use of animal fat, is to simplify its causes, much in the same way if we view the Oakwood mutiny as solely a protest against low pay or corruption in the military. It may have been the trigger, but not the only cause.

Just as the sepoys had their civilian supporters, so too, did the Oakwood mutineers.

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An officer and gentleman

AT LARGE

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DURING THE DINNER tendered as a "tribute to an officer and a gentleman"—resigned AFP Intelligence chief Brig. Gen. Victor Corpus—the emcees, Jim Paredes and Leah Navarro, said much had been made about the "courage and idealism" of the young military officers who led the mutiny at Oakwood.

But, they pointed out, by his actions and indeed by his life, General Corpus presents a real model of idealism and love of country, a man who lived by his principles and refused to compromise them no matter whom he crossed and no matter the consequences to his military career, to his freedom and even to his family.

First introduced into the national limelight when he left the military to join the New People's Army in 1971, Corpus, said Paredes, "joined the rebels and fled to the woods—not to Oakwood." More important, Corpus manfully faced the consequences of his actions, detained for 10 years after his capture, then reinstated as a military reserve officer upon his release, before painstakingly making his way up the military corps.

"Life is full of ironies," Corpus remarked at the close of the dinner hosted by his friends from civil society, notably the Kilusang 12:30, at the Ateneo Grade School theater. "I was once the principal target of the Isafp, and now I have served two-and-a-half years as its chief. We are now accused of planning the bombings in Davao, and a special commission has been formed to investigate us. Instead of being thanked for uncovering the coup plot, we are now under investigation. And the last irony is... I am a die-hard La Sallite."

The night was indeed a night for honoring Corpus, and though the other speakers mentioned his quiet heroism and his penchant for "not doing things halfway," one speaker not only spoke of but demonstrated the man's undoubted love of country.

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SHE was called the "surprise witness," and indeed Mely Corpus, Vic's wife, confessed that this was the first time she was going to speak publicly about her husband's "other side."

Vic was, she revealed, an "unconventional suitor," who would show up at UP's Sampaguita Dorm at seven in the morning every day after he first met her, and would yell out to her: **"Mely, yoo hoo!," "like Fred Flintstone." He proposed to her at the UP Lagoon. But shortly after their marriage, he confessed to her his growing disillusionment with the military under Marcos and his conviction that he could best help our countrymen by going underground and joining the NPA.**

Mely recalls visiting Vic once, somewhere in the middle of the Sierra Madre range, sharing a small hut with him but facing the logistical difficulties of preparing breakfast (of canned sardines) with kindling damp from days of heavy rain "while the transistor played 'Bridge Over Troubled Waters.'" They could only laugh at their predicament, she remembers, though they were finally rescued from starvation by other comrades who came bearing a hot meal.

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VIC and Mely would have two sons in the years he spent with the NPA, the first-born he saw only once when the boy was a few months old, and the second not at all. Three years before Vic's capture in 1976, Mely was arrested and detained, together with her children, a lure to her fugitive husband.

But they choose to look back on their detention through a different lens. "We look on those years as a blessing," says Mely. "During that time we bonded as a family." Because his sons did not recognize him as their father when he joined them in detention, Vic went out of his way to "court" his sons, Mely recalls, working with them on their school assignments, telling them stories, teaching them skills and sports. But he "requested" a third child from Mely, saying he wanted the chance to care for a child from birth. Thus was their youngest, a daughter, born.

In their years in detention, the Corpuses bore their imprisonment with stoic acceptance. "Vic discovered his green thumb, and took to gardening," she recounts. "He also took the time to clarify his thoughts and put them down in writing, which eventually turned into two published books."

Upon his release on amnesty in 1986, Vic rejoined the military, helping formulate an anti-insurgency strategy and bearing in silence the political maneuverings that resulted in his being sent on virtual exile to isolated spots in the country. But even in these remote places, Vic managed to shine and set up models of military-civilian cooperation.

"I always told Vic that I wanted to be married to a gentleman farmer," Mely confesses. And so in 1995 they decided to sell their house in Ayala Alabang, built from the proceeds of a bio-flick on Vic, and bought a piece of farmland on which they planted fast-growing trees. "You are now married to a gentleman farmer," Vic told Mely when the trees took root.

"After 33 years of marriage," declared the soft-spoken Mely, "I know that I love my husband even more, warts and all."

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AS journalist and Newsbreak editor Marites Danguilan Vitug stated, "Vic Corpus will never be a marginal figure." No matter if he is now officially and irrevocably retired from the military, it seems he has many miles to go before he fades out and truly retreats into the quiet life as Mely's gentleman-farmer.

Declaring his intention to pursue the fight he has begun against "narco-politics," which now threatens to use "economic power," derived from the billions of pesos in profit from this illicit trade, to capture "political power," Corpus, it's clear, has set his sights on a larger goal. Knowing now, as Mely testified, the strength of his will and steadfastness of purpose, it's clear we have not yet heard the end of the saga of Victor Corpus, officer, rebel, patriot and gentleman.

Residual issues

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE PEOPLE Power Revolution of 1986 was in many ways a political emancipation. It not only freed us from a dictator; it also freed us from the notion that the only road to political power is by election. For all the moral meanings that shrouded it, people power was an extra-constitutional route to power. Its justification did not lie in law, unless one believed the "right" to rebel is implicit in every constitution, but in the moral force and political success of the act itself.

Some hoped to ground people power in law, by attempting to legalize Cory Aquino's accession to the presidency through a review of the results of the snap election in which she had opposed Marcos. Ms Aquino's allies in the Batasan offered to correct the spurious count that Marcos claimed he had won. But her advisers saw this as a ploy to perpetuate those very structures by which the dictator tried to institutionalize authoritarian rule. Foremost among these structures were the Batasan itself, and the Supreme Court which, throughout martial law, had willingly provided the legal cover for every act of the dictator. The Aquino government forthwith declared itself a revolutionary government and, with the vast powers it claimed under a "Freedom Constitution," abolished the Batasan and appointed a new Supreme Court.

Worried about the radical implications of such a move, some lawyers advised the new government to return to the 1935 Constitution and to call for fresh elections. The idea was to restore the political order ante. Ms Aquino rightly rejected this easy route to constitutional normalcy. Instead, she appointed a commission to draft a new constitution that would embody the ideals of the people power movement that had thrust her to the presidency. Through a plebiscite, the new constitution was ratified, and this document has since served as the framework of our nation's political life.

A constitution, however, is nothing but a piece of paper if the same political community that wrote and approved it cannot enforce its provisions. To actualize its vision and to defend it against those who defy it have been a continuing challenge for our young nation. Having come to power by the revolutionary route, the new government fought many attempts to topple it by the same extra-constitutional means. Weathering many crises, it succeeded in transferring power by election in 1992, and again in 1998.

But in 2001, another people power uprising, led more or less by the same political figures that fought Marcos in 1986, ousted the incumbent president Joseph Estrada. The Supreme Court interpreted Estrada's departure as a resignation and allowed the vice president, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, to succeed to the presidency. Lawyers and partisans of the ousted president continue to protest the Court's ruling and have questioned the impartiality of the justices.

So-called Edsa III attempted to restore Estrada to Malacañang via the route of people power and was repelled. While its relationship to the Estrada forces is unclear, the July 27 mutiny at Oakwood could have catalyzed another people power uprising and possibly reinstalled Estrada. It failed because it was unable to gather enough support from the public and from within the military itself. Instead of being hailed as heroes, the mutineers are now to be punished.

President Macapagal, however, wants them punished as criminals, not just as incompetent coup plotters. She wants the community to treat their act not only as illegal but also as immoral. It isn't enough for her that the coup was foiled. She demands that the community deny the soldiers any shred of legitimacy. She also implicitly demands an affirmation of her legitimacy and capability as President. Cory Aquino got this affirmation with every coup attempt. With Ms Macapagal, the affirmation has been lukewarm and slow in coming. She has every reason to feel aggrieved.

But more important than Ms Macapagal's personal feelings are the implications of these recent events to the future of democracy in our country. Some people saw the coup not as a threat to democracy but only as a threat to the Macapagal presidency, and they were not prepared to commit themselves to its defense. Others saw the coup not as an assault on our constitutional order but as an attack on a corrupt system led by politicians and generals, and they would not have minded seeing its collapse.

Whatever the general perception may have been, the timid public response is a cause for worry. The ambivalence manifests a waning of fervor for the constitutional order established after Marcos. Many political movements that played a crucial role in both Edsa I and II feel that the changes they fought for in both uprisings are nowhere to be found in the political order they helped put in place. They see nothing but a restoration of the worst practices of elitist rule.

The cure for this dangerous and paralyzing ambivalence is not to retreat to a spectator role, but to seize every crisis to compel the government to reaffirm its reformist origins. The only way to make coups and power grabs irrelevant is to deny their plotters the moral ground from which to launch their bid for power. The government cannot do this by simply jailing coup plotters and portraying them as criminals. It must look inward and ask where it has failed the nation.

Our people have waited too long for a revolution. If it is to survive, the state can do no less than to launch it itself.

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An alternative to end rebellions

COMMENTARY

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FOR THE MACAPAGAL government, now seriously beleaguered with three types of armed rebellions, the Moro separatists in Mindanao, the leftists operating in 60 of 79 provinces, and the rebel soldiers in the military organization, survival depends on the right combination of policies under its oft-repeated democratic and republican principles. In vim and intent, these principles are enshrined in the country's Constitution that renounces war as an instrument of policy, adopts the generally accepted principles of international law as part of the law of the land, and adheres to the policy of peace, equality, justice and freedom.

It is imprudent to conclude that the Macapagal government is failing to end the armed conflict without first examining its policies and alternative solutions.

For the separatists and leftists, the Macapagal government has alternately adopted a war of attrition and a policy of reconciliation and accommodation through negotiated agreement, policies that originate from its predecessors beginning with the Marcos regime. As a result, more than 200,000 people, mostly innocent civilians, have been killed. On the other hand, before agreeing to resume peace talks with the MILF in Malaysia, the government withdrew the rebellion charges filed against the MILF leaders. With the leftists (CPP-NDF-NPA) in the Netherlands, it declared a unilateral ceasefire as a pre-condition to the resumption of peace talks.

While soft on the MILF-leftist rebels, the government is hard on the rebel soldiers, even turning its back on some of the negotiated agreements, including the most irritating one: the back-to-barracks agreement which included a government commitment not to charge the 300-odd officers and soldiers—except the five core members who are willing to face the consequences of their act—under the Articles of War or the Revised Penal Code.

This double standard of justice creates a negative psychological effect on loyal soldiers. Many of them, already in sympathy with the mutineers, may just stay in the wings of passive resistance or support the rebels in case of another coup try.

Besides, there are no clearly defined policies to end the armed conflict with the rebel soldiers apart from the creation of several commissions, some of whose members have been unfairly issuing partisan statements.

Worse, the issues aired by the rebel soldiers have all been muddled by accusations and counter-accusations in both houses of Congress which cannot escape responsibility. Every year, the defense budget passes the scrutiny of its members who exercise practically unlimited powers to scrutinize every centavo of the public funds that go to the soldiers and their multi-layered command structure, which has become the source of unbridled corruption, favoritism and patronage.

In the crucial arena of national administration, which is how the soldiers and the people feel government presence in their lives, the executive branch, Congress and the judiciary are on the front lines, having the powers and the tools to dispense justice, to deliver public services, to attend to the poverty problem and to end the rebellions.

What is the solution?

Negotiate with open arms, side by side, not face to face. This is now a universally accepted mode of settling armed conflict. This alternative is open to President Macapagal-Arroyo and the two other branches of government. They can band as a coordinative body, sit down with the rebel soldiers, and together solve the problems jointly side by side, not through the usual arrogant and armed confrontations, with representatives from the intermediate centers of power—the churches, the academe, the trade unions, the business and civic groups, and those from the mainstream (masses)—acting as observers.

It is neither soft nor hard, or what the rebel soldiers call a double standard of justice, but a combination of each. It is simply being soft on people and hard on the problems. For instance, instead of attacking each other, they can attack the problems together and instead of glowering and grandstanding in courtrooms and the halls of Congress, they can sit next to each other facing the problems and together apply the right solutions.

There are common barriers to this type of cooperation but all these can be hurdled if the President and the rebel soldiers put the interest of the country at heart, by striking a balance between hypocritical and criminal acts in dealing with corrupt officials, politicians and lawmen and applying moral and ethical standards to stop the disastrous action-reaction cycle that usually leaves no winners.

William Ury, an expert on negotiation, identified five of these barriers in his Program on Negotiation, a special course jointly sponsored by three prestigious educational institutions in the United States.

"Your reaction. This barrier lies within you. Human beings are reaction machines. When you are under stress, or when you encounter a no, or feel that you're being attacked, you also feel like striking back. Usually this just perpetuates the action-reaction cycle that leaves both sides losers.

"Their emotions. Behind their attacks may lie anger and hostility. Behind their rigid position may lie fear and distrust. Convinced they are right and you are wrong, they may refuse to listen. Seeing the world as eat-or-be-eaten, they may feel justified in using nasty tactics.

"Their position. In joint problem-solving, you face the problem and attack it together. The barrier in the way is the other side's positional behavior: their habit of digging into a position and trying to get you to give in. Often they know no other way to negotiate. They are merely using the conventional negotiating tactics they first learned in the sandbox. In your eyes, the only alternative is for them to give in—and they certainly don't want to do that.

"Their dissatisfaction. Your goal may be to reach a mutually satisfactory agreement, but you may find the other side not at all interested in such an outcome. They may not see how it will benefit them. Even if you can satisfy their interests, they may fear losing face if they back down. And if it is your idea, they may reject it for the same reason alone.

"Their power. Finally, if the other side sees negotiation as a win-lose proposition, they will be determined to beat you. They may be guided by the precept 'what's mine is mine.' What's yours is negotiable. If they can get what they want by power plays, why should they cooperate with you?"

In short, the three branches of the government can avoid armed confrontation by exercising flexibility, creativity and understanding, to unite the nation. This is easier said than done. But there's no harm trying it. After all, Filipinos are not that stupid not to realize that their own country is heading to a civil war, a military takeover, or perhaps a communist takeover!

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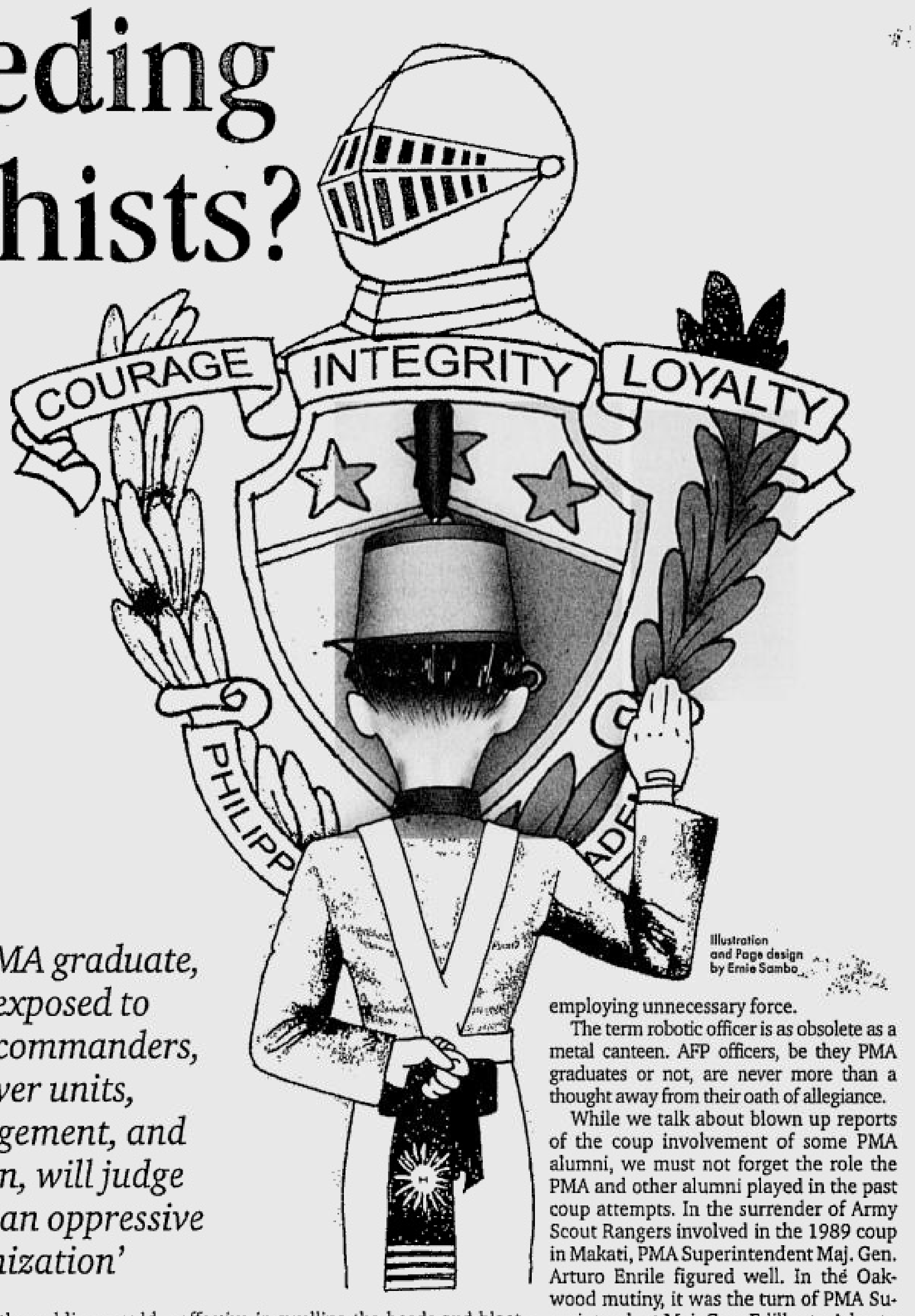
Is the PMA a breeding ground for putschists?

ALL coup d'etat attempts in the country since 1986 have one thing in common. They were all led by graduates of the Philippine Military Academy. The most famous putschist is Gringo Honasan (PMA Class 1971), who led several coup attempts against the Aquino administration. Honasan, now a senator, is again being linked to a failed coup, this time the one staged by the Magdalo Group in Makati.

In the July 27 coup attempt, the officers involved belonged to PMA Classes '95, '96, '97, '99 and 2000. But it was members of the PMA Marilag Class of 1995, particularly Lieutenants Senior Grade Antonio Trillanes IV and James Layug, and Captains Garry Alejano, Gerardo Gambala and Milo Maestrecampo, who provided the overall leadership to the Magdalo putschists. Gambala is the class valedictorian.

The involvement of PMA graduates in the coup attempts has created a perception that the PMA is a breeding ground for officers not steeped in democracy under a civilian authority. It has also led to the observation that the military officers from the PMA are miseducated and poor students of history.

How does one explain the staging of the July 27 coup when military-run governments went out of fashion more than a decade ago? How does one explain the coup when the US government, which supported dictators during the Cold War, is supporting democratic governments (with exceptions) to fight global terrorism?



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'The PMA: Still bastion of courage, integrity, loyalty'

By Major Gen. Edilberto P. Adan
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The Oakwood incident has renewed public interest in the PMA. Issues raised in the aftermath of every aborted putsch since 1986 have been resurrected and provided fodder for opinion columns, television talk shows, and radio programs. All the attention has not always resulted in the clarification of these issues or the edification of the public. In this short article, I shall try to clarify our position on three often-raised questions.

Has the PMA become a breeding ground for mutineers? No, it has not. The vast majority of our graduates condemn the military adventurism demonstrated at Oakwood, remaining steadfast in their support for the Constitution and the rule of law. Unfortunately, the disproportionate attention given a few rebel officers has obscured this reality. Moreover, for tactical reasons, coup plotters recruit from elite units like the Scout Rangers, the Navy Special Warfare Group, or the Marines. These units are home to gung-ho Academy graduates; hence, all past coup attempts, including Oakwood, featured a number of alumni.

What's wrong with the PMA curriculum (that makes its graduates susceptible to staging a coup d'etat)? We do not teach our cadets to overthrow duly constituted authority whenever they have a grievance. Courses in military leadership, ethics, Constitution, and law stress civilian supremacy and adherence to the chain of command. These doctrines are fundamental to our training and are further reinforced in the extracurricular interactions of the cadets.

Does the PMA imbue its graduates with a "messianic complex?" This is a difficult term that has been used quite loosely recently. A search on the Internet of "messianic complex" found over 20,000 items reflecting disparate views. Given that there is no common understanding of the term, a definition of terms may be in order. "Messianic" is an adjective "applied to anyone or any theory claiming or expected to solve whatever the crisis of the moment happens to be ... Utopian idealists are sustained by a messianic expectation of social perfection" (Norman Schur, 1,000 Most Important Words, Ballantine, 1982, p 137). A "complex," on the other hand, is an "organized group or constellation of feelings, thoughts, perceptions and memories that exist in the personal unconscious" (Carl Jung). Some definitions of "messianic complex" are benign ("giving of oneself selflessly"), while others are quite damning. A formal definition of "messianic complex" is "the will, intention, compulsion to be a messiah, to be the redeemer and savior ...." (Rabbi Even-Yisrael, http://members.tripod.com/~TheHOPE/mescompl.htm). Given this definition, the PMA does not instill a "messianic complex" in its cadets.

The PMA does train its cadets to give of themselves selflessly, to serve with honor, and, if need be, to lay down their lives for country and people; many of our alumni have, many more will. Some quarters may call this "messianic." PMAyers call it courage, integrity, loyalty. We make no apologies for this.

The PMA is often given credit for the actions, good or bad, of its alumni. While this is understandable, the credit is not always deserved. Our training provides the character, the skills, and the education that constitute the foundation of a life of honorable military service; what one builds over this foundation is an individual decision. Many factors help shape that decision. A young PMA graduate, who is exposed to lackluster commanders, pushover units, mismanagement, and corruption, will judge the Armed Forces of the Philippines as an oppressive organization. Demagogues are skilled at spotting disaffected young officers, and agitate them to carry out, often unwittingly, some political goal.

No institution is perfect, and the PMA is no exception. There is plenty of room for improvement, with or without the Oakwood incident. In our continuing pursuit of excellence and self-improvement, a new curriculum took effect in June 2003. The goal of the new curriculum, which was the product of the collaboration of our stakeholders from the military as well as the private sector, is "to produce 21st century leaders of our Armed Forces who are aware of national and world security issues and who can anticipate and perform their roles effectively and are adaptable to the social, economic, political, and technological challenges of the environment."

Upon achieving this goal, the PMA graduates "should be able to discern moral issues and apply ethical consideration in decision making." We are confident that the PMA will continue to graduate discerning men and women with the bedrock values of courage, integrity, and loyalty.

'A young PMA graduate, who is exposed to lackluster commanders, pushover units, mismanagement, and corruption, will judge the AFP as an oppressive organization'

'Cancer is eating away at the vitals of the military'

By Danilo P. Vizmanos
Retired Philippine Navy Captain

Mixed public reaction, from sympathy to harsh condemnation, has emerged in the aftermath of the "unusual incident" at Oakwood Premiere serviced apartments in Makati on July 27.

One's perception of the young officers, who identified themselves as the "Magdalo Group," hinges on the question: What was their real objective?

If it was the seizure of state power, then the rebel connection with a "trapo" camp, particularly a discredited one, doomed the project right from the start. In the absence of mass-based popular support, the bold venture within a narrow military framework had as much chances of success as the Philippine Navy wiping out the People's Liberation Army's South China Sea Fleet in the battle of the Spratlys.

If it was a limited objective aimed at exposing corruption in the military in order to arouse public opinion and gain popular support, then the young officers could have chosen a different approach. Of course this is premised on nobility of purpose based on a just cause and genuine grievances.

The Magdalo Group claimed a following of more than 2,000 military activists from all services. This is a very significant number for a military demonstration motivated by a just and legitimate cause. Magdalo could have used this large contingent, without arms but in full uniform, for a prayer-rally either at Plaza Miranda or in front of the Manila Cathedral. With full media coverage, the soldiers could then come out with a litany of grievances, exposing the gamut of corruption all the way up to the Office of the Secretary of National Defense.

This unarmed and non-violent military prayer-rally could have served as the spark plug and nucleus of a rapidly expanding people power demonstration that could have shaken the political foundations of the Macapagal regime.

Attempts by authorities to suppress and stifle such non-violent and constructive mass-based demonstration could only add fuel to the politically sensitive and volatile situation. Repressive acts by the State would have rallied the people to the cause of the oppressed, harassed and persecuted Magdalo Group with dire consequences to the Macapagal regime.

But this concept of a non-violent mass-based military demonstration seems to have eluded the analysis and calculations of the group's audacious leadership and its supposedly sophisticated psy-war specialists.

Compare this unarmed and non-violent option with what actually happened in Oakwood. The Magdalo Group was armed to the teeth in Oakwood and its premises. Yet, this surfeit of arms amounted to nothing and was unable to prevent the collapse of the military uprising in less than 24 hours. The will to struggle, despite a large number of arms, easily gave way to subtle and astute reasoning and rationalizations of State authorities. What made matters worse was that the armed demonstration gave the government justification to "throw the book" at the military rebels.

The ill-conceived demonstration may have failed, but this does not mean that the leadership in Malacañang and Camp Aguinaldo can now sleep soundly.

The July 27 "incident" was merely a symptom of a malignant cancer eating away at the vitals of a sick establishment. Most likely, there are many more in the rank-and-file who sympathize with the rebels. It remains to be seen whether the malignancy can be checked in the days to come. A malignant tumor in the Macapagal administration, as perceived by the rebels and their sympathizers, is US-backed Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes. This malignancy could well decide the fate of the administration sooner or later.

If there is one single factor that contributed most to the deterioration of morale, discipline and professionalism in the military and police organization, it is none other than the Marcos legacy of the martial law years. Systematic and methodical corruption of the military hierarchy was an essential part of the Marcos strategy to maintain his control of the armed forces.

"Power-sharing" was also part of the political strategy as an incentive to the politically ambitious military brass who hungered for state power and a share of the loot of the people's money besides being effective in swelling the heads and bloating the ego of top brass opportunists.

Marcos had no qualms about giving license to sadistic officers and men to commit human rights violations with impunity. All those engaged in counter-insurgency were given a free hand to torture and "salvage" subversives and "enemies of the state" without fear of prosecution.

Three classes of the PMA — 1970, 1971, 1972 — stand out as the principal instruments used by Marcos in dealing with "enemies of the state" in the most brutal manner. Among those who came from these classes are Gringo Honasan, Panfilo Lacson, Victor Batac, Billy Bibit, Rodolfo Aguinaldo and many members of RAM. These lieutenants of the 1970s now occupy key positions in the political establishment.

Because of the pernicious Marcos legacy, the Macapagal regime and the succeeding ones are condemned to walk a tight rope as they are left with no choice but to rely on degenerate security and law enforcement institutions that have become liabilities instead of assets for the government and society.

'The officers in the mutiny were misguided'

By Gregorio
Member, PMA Marilag Class '95

Most of the misguided young officers involved in the failed Makati mutiny are alumni of the Philippine Military Academy. They engaged in what will be called another "military adventurism."

It is a fact that the leading officers on the government side, who negotiated with the rebel officers, are also products of the PMA. And so are most of those who led the previous coup d'etat attempts in the country since 1986.

Because of these attempts at power grab, the PMA is perceived as a breeding ground for putschists. But I don't believe that the academy is a training ground for people who wish to overthrow the government. The members of the Magdalo Group were simply "used."

One day we might be confronted with this scenario again. But many of our young men and women are willing to answer the call of duty so that the rest of us can continue to enjoy freedom and relative safety.

The PMA contract with Philippine society is anchored on the character the institution develops in each of its graduates.

The academy does not develop men and women who would embrace comfort rather than service. Cadets are trained in ethics and have the proper institutional upbringing so they could deal squarely with every threat and challenging situation and win over an adversary without employing unnecessary force.

The term robotic officer is as obsolete as a metal canteen. AFP officers, be they PMA graduates or not, are never more than a thought away from their oath of allegiance.

While we talk about blown up reports of the coup involvement of some PMA alumni, we must not forget the role the PMA and other alumni played in the past coup attempts. In the surrender of Army Scout Rangers involved in the 1989 coup in Makati, PMA Superintendent Maj. Gen. Arturo Enrile figured well. In the Oakwood mutiny, it was the turn of PMA Superintendent Maj. Gen. Edilberto Adan to figure well, albeit discreetly.

The men and women of the PMA know the endurance of service members. They, after all, constitute the point of the institutional spear.

They are the ones most likely to pay the ultimate price. But to overcome the public perception that the PMA is a breeding ground for mutineers, our armed forces must not only be well-trained. They must also be well-led.

(The writer used an alias as he requested that his real name not be printed)

'Faction of the elite coopted mutineers'

By Joel Garduce
Spokesperson, Artists for Peace (A4P)

The PMA, during the Marcos dictatorship, was profoundly transformed as part of the military establishment that became a full-fledged Department of Permanent War against the masses.

Not even the rebellion of 1986 and the tongue-in-cheek re-labeling of the military as "Armed Forces of the People," changed the deep-seated anti-democratic orientation of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. The military continues to ride roughshod over the civil liberties of our impoverished countrymen.

Not a single military officer—not a single PMA alumnus—has been imprisoned for killing self-organized poor farmers, for abducting trade unionists, for silencing journalists, for snuffing out student leaders' lives, for shooting anti-imperialist activists, and for violently attacking some of the best sons and daughters of the Filipino people during and after the Marcos dictatorship.

Indeed, Erap is having far less luck than Col. Jovito Palparan.

The entire crop of PMA mutineers following Edsa I has not demonstrated its intent to undo the AFP's unreformed nature. In fact, all of the PMA mutineers who emerged after Edsa I—Ex-PMA Superintendent Jose Zumel, Gringo Honasan, Diosdado Valeroso of the defunct Young Officers' Union, or even current "heartthrob" Lt. Antonio Trillanes IV—have been co-opted by one of the factions of the ruling elite, reinforcing the mercenary character of the AFP soldier.

We need and welcome soldiers who will stand for the patriotic and democratic aspirations of our people.

We don't expect the PMA as an institution to breed such a soldier. But the soldier, who chooses to be an intense student in the far larger school of Philippine society, who studies our people's gallant history against foreign, elite and militarist domination, may have a better chance of rekindling the patriotic and democratic impulse within him or her.

The WORLD

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Bush calls Iraq 'long-term undertaking'

CRAWFORD, Texas—US President George W. Bush on Saturday vowed a "long-term undertaking" to bring democracy and economic prosperity to Iraq and across the Middle East.

Marking 100 days since he donned a flight suit, landed on an aircraft carrier off the California coast and announced major combat operations over in Iraq, Bush offered an upbeat assessment, despite almost daily attacks on US troops in which 55 have been killed.

He said Iraq was more secure with 6,000 Iraqi police patrolling Baghdad and about 20,000 more on duty in other towns; banks had opened and the Iraqi economy was being rebuilt; 1 million barrels of crude oil were being produced daily; more than 150 newspapers were being published regularly; and local councils were up and running.

"One hundred days is not enough time to undo the terrible legacy of Saddam Hussein," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "There is difficult and dangerous work ahead that requires time and patience."

Even as Washington spends $4 billion a month to establish security and a new government in Iraq, Bush held out hope the ambitious nation-building effort there could serve as an example for the rest of the region.

"This long-term undertaking is vital to peace in that region and to the security of the United States," he said.

He would not say whether he agreed with Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, allied forces commander in Iraq, who said Thursday that US forces will remain in Iraq at least two years.

The White House treated the 100-day postwar mark as a political milestone, issuing a list of accomplishments as it did after Bush's first 100 days in office.

Bush would not speculate, however, about costs Americans should expect in coming months, in dollars or lives.

An American soldier was shot and killed while on guard duty in western Baghdad, the military announced Friday, but the Army said it was unclear whether the soldier was attacked or wounded accidentally. Should the death turn out to be from combat, it would bring the total number of US troops killed to 56 since Bush declared major hostilities over May 1, and the total from combat in Iraq to 170.

A senior US official said the US-led invasion to oust Saddam was part of Bush's "larger vision" for "a different kind of Middle East" years from now.

"We went to war in Iraq because Saddam Hussein's regime was a threat," the official said. "It was also a threat to a more hopeful Middle East."

Saddam's overthrow, coupled with progress on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and economic growth in the region meant "we could be looking at a different Middle East in a few years," the official said.

Democrats have sharpened their criticism of Bush's stewardship on Iraq in recent days, with the deposed president, Saddam Hussein, still at large and with no weapons of mass destruction having been discovered.

"Despite his rhetoric, George Bush has lost focus on the true terrorist threat from al-Qaida; lost national treasure by assuming the total cost of rebuilding Iraq without the help of most of our allies," said Sen. Bob Graham, a Democrat and presidential candidate. "And we all continue to lose dear American lives because we have neither the manpower to secure Iraq, nor the allied support to diffuse attention from America as the sole occupier."

Another senator running for the Democratic nomination, John Edwards of North Carolina, said Saddam's removal was the right thing to do, but "the administration went into Iraq without a clear plan for what was to come after the war." By still refusing to involve other countries, "the result has been continued instability and risk to our troops. The administration should be changing course instead of celebrating."

Bush called the criticism pure politics from Democrats who want his job.

The White House sought to counter the criticism with a broad, multifront defense.

Arab nations and even US allies have been broadly skeptical of Bush's spoken commitment to the Middle East and some view the United States as arrogant and insensitive.

Bush had called for a Palestinian state by 2005 over a year ago, but only personally plunged into Middle East diplomacy in June when he held summits with the Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers as well as other Arab leaders. *Reuters, AP*

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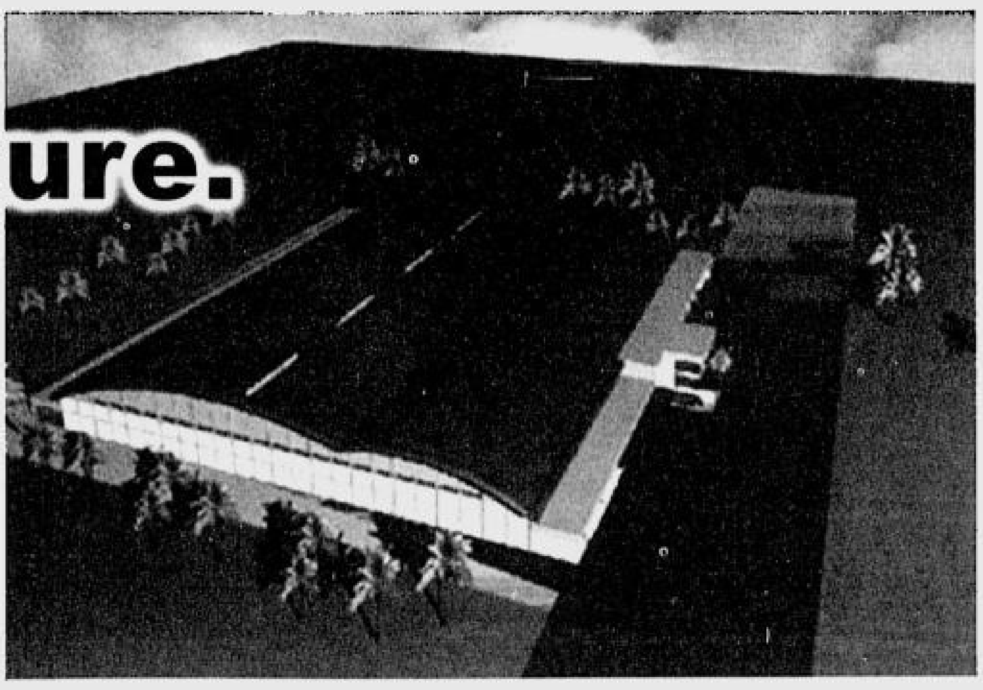

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JI behind Jakarta blast, says minister

JAKARTA—Indonesia's Defense Minister Matori Abdul Jalil said the Jemaah Islamiyah extremist network was behind the deadly car bomb blast at a US-run hotel in Jakarta, the official Antara news agency reported.

"I affirm that this group is behind the Marriott bombing, based on intelligence reports following the arrest (last month) of nine suspects who are also JI members," Antara quoted Jalil as saying overnight at Makassar in South Sulawesi province.

Police in July arrested nine suspected JI members near Jakarta and at Semarang in Central Java. One of them allegedly killed himself in police detention.

Officers said they seized JI documents, TNT, rifles, potassium chlorate and shoulder-launched rockets in the raids.

Police later said that "about five" political leaders and high-profile individuals were named in the seized documents, which also named several shopping centers as targets.

Jalil said intelligence documents indicated that JI was behind a series terror attacks in the country in recent years.

Police said Friday a severed head found at the scene of Tuesday's hotel bombing belonged to a JI member identified as Asmar Latinsani, 28, a native of West Sumatra. *AFP*

CADET PRINCESS

Officer cadet Princess Iman of Jordan (center) marches with eyes right during the 142nd Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy in Sandhurst, southern England, Aug. 8. Officer cadets numbering 210 from 19 different countries successfully passed out of the Academy on Friday.

REUTERS

Nagasaki pleads for nuke-free world

TOKYO—Urging people to remember the nuclear bombing that turned his city into a "hell on earth," Nagasaki's mayor marked the attack's 58th anniversary on Saturday by warning that the world's oldest—and newest—nuclear powers had dealt dangerous setbacks to arms-control efforts.

"International agreements supporting nuclear disarmament, nuclear nonproliferation and the prohibition of all nuclear weapons testing now appear to be on the verge of collapse," Itcho Ito said at a ceremony attended by thousands of people—including survivors of the Aug. 9, 1945 blast.

Ito referred to last year's controversial US review of its own nuclear policy, which included a proposal to develop a new kind of nuclear bomb to destroy underground targets.

He also blamed India and Pakistan, which held nuclear tests in 1998, and North Korea, which allegedly told US officials in April that it had nuclear weapons.

The disclosure "has heightened international tensions," he said.

Ito's plea for a world free of nuclear weapons was less critical of Japan's main ally than his Hiroshima counterpart's speech earlier this week. That city's mayor accused Washington of worshipping nuclear weapons "as God." *AP*

Boston Church offers $55M to settle suits

BOSTON—The Boston Archdiocese, after more than a year of embarrassing revelations and arduous efforts to deal with them, has offered $55 million to settle more than 500 clergy sex abuse lawsuits, according to a document obtained by The Associated Press.

The offer came Friday, just nine days after Archbishop Sean Patrick O'Malley was installed as head of the fourth-largest diocese in the United States. Lawyers who represent hundreds of alleged victims said it is unlikely the offer will be accepted in its present form, but they called it a hopeful sign that a resolution was near.

"I look at this as the first responsible proposal that has been made to try to resolve these cases," said Roderick MacLeish Jr., who represents more than 200 alleged victims. "It's certainly not going to be the final one, but it's constructive and it's worth having a dialogue about."

The settlement would resolve claims from men and women who said they were abused as children by about 140 clergy within the Boston archdiocese while church hierarchy routinely ignored the misdeeds. A recent report from the state attorney general estimated that more than 1,000 children were abused over six decades.

The Rev. Christopher Coyne, spokesperson for the archdiocese, declined to comment on the proposed settlement, saying both sides had agreed to not publicly discuss negotiations. *AP*

Portugal fire damage: 925M euros and counting

LISBON—Forest fires which have killed 15 people in Portugal have already caused 925 million euros damage and the figure is bound to rise, the government said on Friday.

The cost of the worst fires in a generation is another blow to one of the European Union's poorest nations, already suffering from a stagnant economy and the bloc's fastest-rising jobless rate.

Thousands of firefighters and troops battled blazes in the central mountains. The government is rushing 800 soldiers just back from peacekeeping duties in East Timor and Bosnia straight into the fire zone.

"Right now the rough number we're working with is 925 million euros," Interior Minister Antonio Figueiredo Lopes said in remarks carried by private TSF radio.

"We still have fires burning. Unfortunately that number is surely going to increase," Figueiredo Lopes said as he toured burned areas of eastern Portugal with EU Employment and Social Affairs Commissioner Anna Diamantopoulou.

The fires, fanned by a scorching heatwave, have killed at least 15 people, cut transport links, destroyed scores of homes and left hundreds of square kilometers of forests in ashes.

Diamantopoulou said the EU could provide immediate help for projects such as restoring power and reopening roads, but needed proposals from Portugal for longer-term assistance.

Portugal has requested financial help from the EU and equipment from Nato. Portugal offered 100 million euros of government aid when it declared a national disaster on Monday.

The Forestry Commission estimated on Thursday that five percent of Portugal's forests have burned this year, an area equivalent to Greater London. *Reuters*

Largest Indian goodwill team visits Pakistan

NEW DELHI—Some 30 Indian lawmakers and journalists headed Saturday to Pakistan with a message of goodwill in the largest Indian delegation to visit the rival country since the neighbors began mending ties in April.

The group, ranging from maverick low-caste icon Laloo Prasad Yadav to the editor of a right-wing Hindu newspaper, will attend a conference in Islamabad and are expected to meet with Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf.

The delegates left the Indian capital by train for the northern city of Amritsar from where they will go by road to nearby Wagah, the only legal land crossing between the South Asian rivals.

Yadav—allowed to travel at the last minute after the Supreme Court let him retrieve his passport seized over a corruption scandal—said he was travelling to Pakistan with a message of "peace and brotherhood."

"We are on a goodwill mission and will urge the Pakistani leadership to begin dialogue with New Delhi at the earliest to resolve all oustanding issues," said Yadav, the former chief minister of the eastern state of Bihar. *AFP*

INDIAN artists paint inside the mouths of the idols of Hindu demon Putna, in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh Aug. 8. According to Hindu epics, Putna, a female demon, tried to feed Hindu God Lord Krishna milk containing poison when the Lord was still a baby.

REUTERS

British couples may get free IVF

LONDON—Infertile British couples may soon be offered free IVF treatment on the National Health Service, the Daily Mail reported on Saturday.

Infertile women under 40 will be offered up to six cycles of IVF (in vitro fertilization) at a potential cost of $24,150 per patient, the paper said.

It said the ruling has been made by the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE), a body set up by the government to examine the cost effectiveness of medical treatments.

NICE's draft report was sent out for consultation last month and new IVF guidelines are expected to be published next year.

Under the recommendations couples will not have to be married to qualify for the treatment but must be in a "stable relationship," the Daily Mail said. *Reuters*

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Cebu airport in danger of being closed

By Jhunnex Napallacan
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CEBU CITY—The Cebu-Mactan International Airport, the busiest international hub outside Metro Manila, is in danger of being shut down because of its dangerous runway.

Angelo Verdan, the manager of the airport's authority, MCIAA, affirmed yesterday that the airport's runway is "dangerous" and he would not hesitate to stop the airport's operation should his technical staff declare it is no longer safe.

Verdan's statement came in the heels of a pronouncement made Thursday by the Philippine Air Lines, the country's flag carrier, that it would be constrained to suspend all its flights to and from Cebu because of the deteriorating runway of the MCIA.

PAL officials headed by its president Avelino Zapanta told reporters here in a press conference Thursday that the poor condition of the airport's runway could endanger the lives of passengers and airline crew members.

Zapanta said the runway is so rough that it could cause aircraft tires to blow up.

The runway is littered with stones and loose pebbles that after just one landing, a tire of a PAL B747 already showed deep cuts, the PAL official said.

"We would like to be able to continue the service to all of you but it is now very obvious that we had to find a solution to this primordial concern in Mactan," Zapanta said.

Capt John Andrews, PAL vice president for flight operations, said the runway should have undergone rehabilitation in 2000 yet but nothing has happened over the last three years.

Andrews said that of the runway's stretch, only 200 meters by 45 meters were in good condition, leaving the first 100 meters of Runway 22 and 800 meters from the start of Runway 4 "rough with sharp aggregates protruding."

"PAL's planes are 747's with 16-18 tires. Imagine if two of the nose wheels will blow up," he said.

Andrews said open jet engines could suck up loose pebbles, causing engine trouble.

The PAL officials said they were aware that the airline's plan could greatly affect the economy and business of Cebu but they said their main interest is the safety of PAL's passengers and crew.

PAL operates 16 flights a day to and from Cebu, serving domestic and international routes.

The MCIAA board has long authorized the rehabilitation of the runway through rejuvenation, a process that involves the application of chemicals and sealants on the asphalt pavement.

The project has however been mired by a legal dispute between the MCIAA and the winning bidder and the case remains pending in court here.

Echelon Industries, a US-based firm, won the bidding in March 2002 to do the repair for P44 million. But the MCIAA board refused to award the project to Echelon and instead entered into an agreement with the Air Transportation Office (ATO) for the ATO to do the project.

Echelon filed a civil case against MCIAA officials before the Cebu Regional Trial Court and obtained a restraining order from RTC Branch 5 Judge Ireneo Lee Gako Jr. that prohibits the airport authority from continuing with the project until its conflict with Echelon is resolved.

Echelon officials questioned the timing of PAL's announcement. Cris Saavedra, the company's country manager, said he suspects that PAL made the announcement to pressure the court into lifting the restraining order.

Saavedra said MCIAA has tried everything to prevent Echelon from doing the project, even going to the Court of Appeals to get an injunction so that the lower court will lift the restraining order. The MCIAA board failed, he said.

Alarmed by the announcement of PAL, Cebu Gov. Pablo Garcia called up Verdan to immediately coordinate with the ATO for the repair of the runway.

Garcia, member of the MCIAA board, said the board already agreed during their meeting that they could continue with repairing the runway, through the ATO, even if the restraining order remained in effect.

He said the ATO had repaired the first 100 meters of the runway under a negotiated contract. *With a report from Leah May Lim-Atienza, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Village councilors sue mayor over tax share

BANTAY, Ilocos Sur—Mayor Chinita Parilla and the former town treasurer are facing charges for their alleged failure to release the shares of realty taxes and aid to 34 barangays in the town last year.

The charges against Parilla and former municipal treasurer Reynaldo Espejo were filed by Councilors Criselda Bundoc, James Bundoc, Roger Reboroso and Urbano Ramos before the office of the Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon Victor Fernandez on Wednesday.

The councilors said Espejo, as disbursing officer of the municipal funds of Bantay, was mandated by law to remit, on a quarterly basis, to the barangay treasurers their respective realty tax and municipal aid shares. "However, he did not do his job," the councilors said.

"Parilla, as the local chief executive of Bantay, should have performed her job of seeing to it that all laws within the territorial jurisdiction of (the town) were faithfully followed by (Espejo) and her other subordinates, but (she failed) in this regard," they said in their three-page joint affidavit.

The councilors said the 2002 Commission on Audit report showed that the town's unremitted realty property taxes and municipal aid reached P714,720.

The INQUIRER tried but failed to reach Parilla for comment on the complaint.

Her husband, former Mayor Samuel Parilla, however, denied the allegations.

"Go to the barangay chairmen and asked if they are complaining. These are all political harassment and personal revenge," the former mayor told the INQUIRER.

"I am challenging (these councilors) to file their candidacies in the 2004 elections. Let us await the verdict of the people," he said.

Former Mayor Parilla said he would again run as mayor next year. *Leoncio Balbin Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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Army plans to file murder raps vs priest-turned-rebel leader

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—The military will file multiple murder charges against priest-turned-rebel Frank Fernandez and other identified leaders and members of the New People's Army on Negros Island for the ambush-slaying of three Army soldiers in Canlaon City, Negros Oriental on Wednesday.

Fernandez might not have been personally responsible for the ambush-slaying but he should be held liable, as he is believed to be the commander of the NPA on Negros Island, the military said.

Col. Gregorio Fajardo, 11th Infantry Battalion commanding officer yesterday said other NPA personalities such as Jovan Gonzalez, Virgilio Paragan and a certain Boy Marapo will be included in the criminal charges.

The ambush on Wednesday claimed the lives of 1Lt. Geisson Regner, commander of the 11th IB Charlie Company, Sgt. Edwin Allin, commander of the Asay detachment in La Castellana, and Pvt. Dionaldo Javier.

The lone survivor, Pfc Dickwin Roca, would be able to identify some of their attackers, Fajardo said.

Regner and three of his security escorts were on their way to Moises Padilla, Negros Occidental, to deliver the combat boots of militiamen when they were ambushed by about 30 NPA rebels in Barangay Linuthangan, Canlaon City, Negros Oriental at around 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Fajardo said the soldiers were in civilian clothes and were riding in a service vehicle of Canlaon City during the ambush.

The rebels took the Armalite rifles of the slain soldiers.

The killing of the three Army soldiers took place three days after a member of the Civilian Auxiliary Forces Geographical Units (Cafgu), Rogelio Helacio, his wife and their four-year-old child, were also ambushed by suspected NPA rebels in the boundary of barangays Villegas and Planas in Guihulngan, Negros Oriental.

Helacio was hit in the right elbow but his wife and child were unhurt, although terribly shaken by the incident, the military said.

Fajardo said responding 11th IB Charlie Company soldiers caught up with some of the fleeing rebels who had split into several groups, to confuse the pursuing government men.

Military records showed that Paragan used to be a member of the Revolutionary Proletarian Army-Alex Boncayao Brigade in southern Negros, before he defected to the New People's Army in 1999.

CAGAYAN VISIT PHOTO FROM MALACANANG
President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is welcomed by local officials led by Gov. Edgardo Ramones-Lara (to the President's left) during the President's visit to Cagayan recently.

Tessie Oreta urges state schools' integration

SCIENCE CITY OF MUNOZ—As officials of state universities and colleges (SUCs) in the country are complaining more and more about their decreasing budget allocations, Sen. Tessie Aquino-Oreta has proposed the integration of these institutions into "better and more developed" SUCs in the country.

"There are too many SUCs now which are sharing in the budget pie allocated for them yearly. Naturally, each will only receive little in this budget pie," Oreta said in a speech Thursday at the Central Luzon State University here.

The senator called her proposal as the "rationalization of SUCs" in the country. She appealed to SUC officials in the country and her colleagues in Congress to give the proposal "a serious thought."

She said she does not see a dramatic increase in the budget allotted for SUCS although the government is giving priority to education.

She said the country has about 112 SUCs, up from only 80 SUCs in 1993.

According to reports, there are still a number of government-run schools that are being considered by Congress for conversion into state colleges. Some state colleges are also being considered for elevation to state universities.

Oreta blamed lawmakers, herself included, for the creation of many SUCs in the country.

Oreta, the former chair of the Senate committee on education, said her proposal calls for the designation of more developed state universities as the lead regional state universities in their respective regions. The other SUCs in a particular the region, she said, should be "collapsed" or integrated with the selected lead university.

"This will lead to better management, operations and budget (use)," she said.

"I am for giving equal opportunities to the youth to gain quality tertiary education," she said. "If they have good education, they will have good information; and if they have good information, they can make informed choices in life." *Anselmo Roque, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Army chief complains entire AFP being lumped as corruption-ridden

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

CATBALOGAN, Samar—While saying that he is open to a lifestyle check among officers of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Army chief Lt. Gen. Gregorio Camiling said that putting them on the spotlight is "unfair."

"Personally, I have nothing against (a lifestyle check). But what is happening is that everything becomes wholesale. We are all generalized as corrupt. It's unfair," he said during a press conference held at the Officer's Lounge of the 8th Infantry Division based here.

Camiling cautioned those accusing the officer corps of the AFP of corruption to first check the source of the money that is supposed to support the officers' lifestyles instead of generalizing that it came from AFP funds.

"The AFP budget is very small," he added.

Camiling was here as guest speaker during the division's 15th anniversary last Wednesday.

The lifestyle check for officers and men of the AFP was proposed following the July 27 mutiny of the Magdalo group of soldiers.

Lifestyle check

During their siege of Oakwood Premier in Makati City, the soldiers said corruption is widespread and unchecked in the military.

Camiling said he himself was accused of building a house worth millions of pesos. But he maintained that the money used for the construction of his house was not taken from "any AFP funds."

He said that his family could afford to construct a house worth millions of pesos because his wife belongs to a landed political family from Lanao del Norte.

Camiling and other top military and defense department officials were accused by the mutineers of committing irregularities that allowed them to build houses worth millions of pesos inside Fort Bonifacio, the Army camp.

Meantime, the Army chief said that his visit in the 8th ID should not be interpreted as a loyalty check.

Camiling said there was no reason for him to doubt the loyalty of the division's officers and soldiers.

"To me, what the Magdalo Group staged in Makati has no impact to the entire organization," he said.

Support for GMA

During the mutiny, Maj. Gen. Glenn Rabonza, commanding general of the division, issued a statement reiterating the support of the entire officers and soldiers of the 8th ID for the administration of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Camiling assured the public that the officers of the AFP can very well handle the problems now besetting the organization, including dissent among young officers and charges of corruption in the military organization.

He, however, said that during his visits to the different divisions of the Philippine Army, he always reminded the officers to look after the welfare of their soldiers.

"When I took over the command of the Army, I emphasized only two things to our commanders: number one is mission accomplishment and number two, to look after the welfare of our men," he said.

"Every commander must always consider the welfare of our men. That is part of our leadership principle," he added.

Camiling also said that he made it as a requirement among commanders to always open their communication lines to their soldiers. This way, he said, problems or grievances among soldiers can immediately be addressed and given the proper solutions.

The Magdalo group of soldiers have accused top defense and military officials of plotting the Davao City bombings and selling ammunition to Moro guerrillas, an accusation that was denied by the officials.

Bills for free calls worry group of OFWs

DAVAO CITY—The phone bill of the Oplan Kalinga Call Center, which the government established so that families of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in the Middle East could talk to their love one during the Iraq War, has reached P70 million and OFWs were worried they may end up footing the bill.

Malacañang set up the 24-hour call center in March in partnership with several government agencies and telecom companies including Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., Globe, Smart, Sun Cellular, Destiny Cable. The AMA Group of Companies provided them free Internet communication, through e-mails.

Relatives of OFWs in the Middle East were allocated free three-minute calls.

A former official of a group of OFW here claimed that Malacañang and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) office in Manila have repeatedly declined to settle the bill.

Ramon Naguita, former president of the Federation of OFWs in Region XI (FOFWORE), said that participating telecommunication companies had already sent a bill to Malacañang but it passed the demand for payment to the OWWA.

Naguita said OWWA sent back the bill to Malacañang, as the call center was a project of the Office of the Press Secretary and the Presidential Action Center.

He said the cash-strapped government might touch the OFW Trust Fund, which has a standing fund of P2.7 billion, or their Medicare fund, which has about P3.6 billion in funds. *Joel B. Escovilla, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

2 beheaded corpses turn up in village

MAGSINGAL, Ilocos Sur—Residents here were horrified after they found two beheaded corpses in a brook in Barangay Bungro here on Saturday morning.

Police said the decomposing heads of the victims were found near the bodies. The victims were described to be about 167.4 centimeters (5'6") and were tied together by a nylon cord.

Investigators estimated that the victims could have been murdered about 20 days ago and dumped in the Catbameng brook. Reports said the bodies were already decomposing.

No identification documents were recovered from the victims, police said.

One of the victims was wearing corduroy pants, a leather belt and orange shirt while the other was wearing jeans, and a white and blue long sleeved shirt.

Police said the bodies were discovered by residents who went to the brook to catch fish Saturday morning. *Leoncio Balbin Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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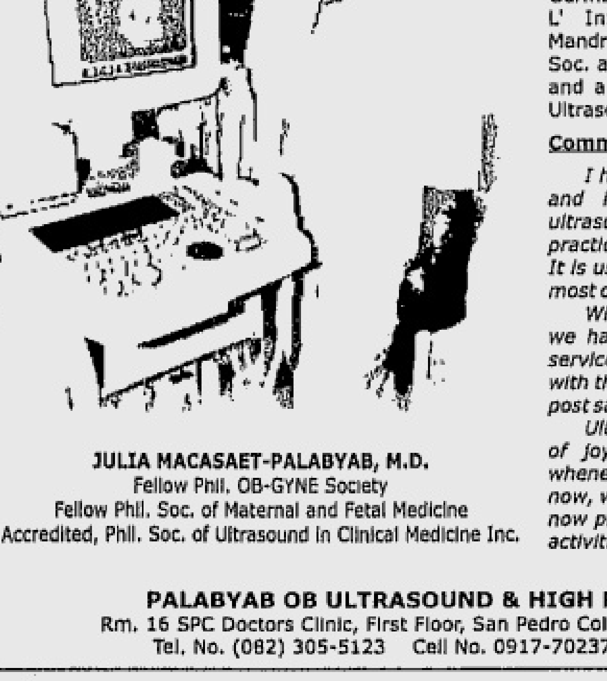

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Goodbye, Ustadz Salamat

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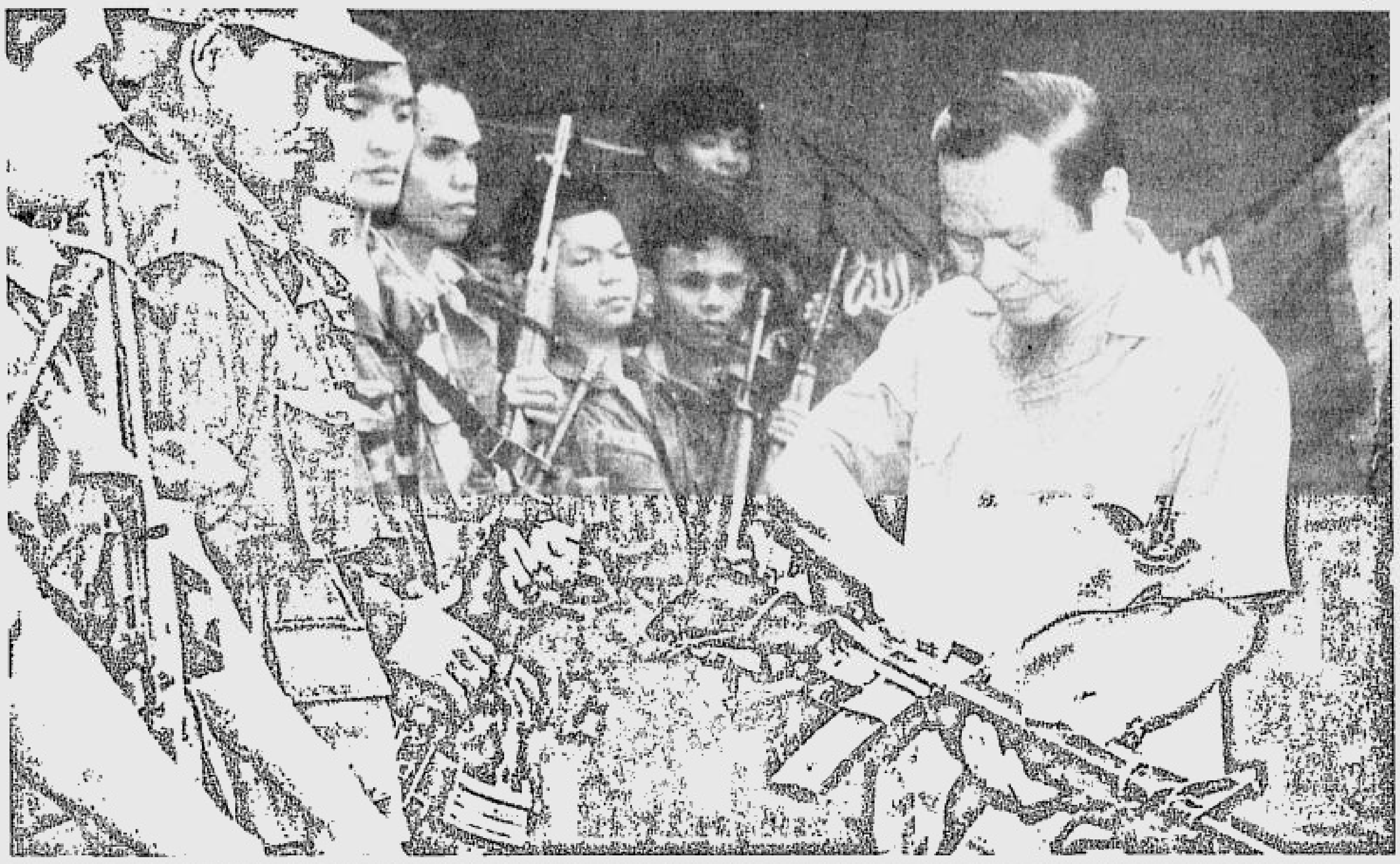
SALAMAT Hashim's death on July 13 "somewhere in Mindanao" stunned the nation, particularly the Moro people.



GUERRILLA leader Salamat displays his prowess in handling firearms during a visit to his men in Camp Abubakar in Maguindanao in this photograph taken in February 1999.

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Others probably feared the mere mention of his name, but for those who knew the late revolutionary, he was admired and respected. A man of principle, deeply religious and well-educated.

Salamat was born on July 7, 1942 from a religious family in Pagalungan, Maguindano. His first mentor was his mother, and it was through her guidance and tutelage that at the age of 6, he could already read the Qur'an and even recite many of its verses.

It was at that same age when he began his formal education. He finished his elementary education in 1954 and high school studies in 1958, both with honors.

Salamat joined other Filipino Muslims during the 1958 pilgrimage to Mecca. However, he decided to stay behind to pursue further studies. He attended regularly the *halaqaat* (meeting or teach-in about Islam) held at the Masjid al Haram (mosque) and enrolled at the Madrasat as-Sulatiyah ad-Diniyah (religious fundamentalist school).

In 1959, he went to Egypt and enrolled at the Al-Azhar University in Cairo, which was then considered the center of political activism in the Middle East. He graduated from the university's Institute of Islamic Research in 1963.

His intellectual pursuits did not end there. In the same year, he enrolled at the Al-Azhar's College of Theology for a bachelor's degree program, majoring in Aqeedah (fundamental beliefs) and Philosophy. He graduated in 1967.

Nothing seemed to satisfy Salamat's hunger for wisdom. Right after completing his bachelor's degree, he pursued a master's degree in the same university and finished the course in two years.

Salamat completed the academic requirements for a doctoral degree, but he was unable to write his dissertation, as his presence was badly needed in the Philippines when the Moro revolutionary movement was being launched.

Student leader

Salamat was an active student leader during his college days. While studying abroad, he was the president of the Philippine Muslim Student Association and secretary general of the Organization of Asian Students in Cairo. His involvement in various student activities exposed him to different revolutionary trends, both Islamic and secular, which Cairo was known for during that era.

The exposure awakened his consciousness and stirred his revolutionary fervor. He thought of the sufferings and oppression his Muslim brethren had to bear back home under President Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorial rule.

He gradually metamorphosed from being a scholar to an Islamic revolutionary. In Cairo, he helped organize a core group of Muslim students who planned the Bangsamoro revolt in the early 1960s. Each of the members chipped in half of their meager allowance to set up a common fund to finance their activities.

Among the revolutionary Muslim thinkers who greatly influenced the eventual MILF founder were Syed Qutb and Syed Abul A'la Maududi, two of the most influential during the '60s. But it was Syed Qutb's teachings which shaped Salamat's Islamic outlook and political beliefs.

Sayyid Qutb, in one of his books, recommended that a revolutionary vanguard should first establish an Islamic state and then impose Islamization on Egyptian society that had deviated to Arab nationalistic ideologies.

Unknown to many, it was Salamat who arranged and facilitated the military training abroad of the first batch of Moro fighters (Batch 90) that later served as core group of the Moro National Liberation Front. However, due to differences in principle and leadership style, Salamat decided to part ways with Nur Misuari.

A RELAXED Salamat entertaining visitors in his residence in Camp Abubakar in Maguindanao. Photograph taken in April 2000.

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This led to the birth of another Moro separatist group, but instead of using the word "National" in its name, those who joined with Salamat chose "Islamic." Thus, the new Moro revolutionary movement fighting for the establishment of a real and sovereign Islamic state was called the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

Before the military takeover of Camp Abubakar, the MILF's main camp in 2000, Salamat lived with his wife Zenaida and five children. After the camp fell, his family was evacuated to a secure place.

Since then, he had been moving constantly. He could hardly speak or meet with the members of his family.

Loving and responsible

Ustadz Muammar Biston, 50, father-in-law of the late MILF chair, described how happy Salamat was when his family was still living with him in Abubakar.

He said his son-in-law was a very disciplined and methodical man. His moves were calculated and everything he did was planned. War, he said, not only separated Salamat from his family but also robbed its members of their happiness.

To Biston, Salamat was not just a revolutionary leader. He was, above all, a spiritual leader for the Bangsamoro people.

"He was performing the five obligatory prayers of Islam daily despite his hectic schedule. Even under extreme situation, when his life was in danger and his forces were under attack, he woke up early dawn to perform Fajr, one of the five obligatory prayers done by the Muslims before sunrise. He was a real Muslim."

How he met his wife

Biston obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from University of the East in Manila in 1976. Shortly after that, he went to Saudi Arabia to take up Islamic studies.

He met Salamat while he was studying Islamic Da'awa (propagation) from the Ummol Qura University in Mecca, Saudi Arabia. He was among the Filipino Muslims who welcomed Salamat in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia when the latter went there in early '70s.

Their friendship went on until one day, they again met during the pilgrimage to Mecca sometime in early '80s. Biston was with his eldest daughter Zenaida, who was then 13 or 14 years old.

Salamat was enamored. He talked to the father, saying he wanted to marry the girl.

"After talking to me, I gave him my daughter. They were married in Lahore, Pakistan," Biston said.

Until now, the family of the late MILF leader mourns his untimely death. Zenaida, his father said, was not yet ready to talk to the media. "Maybe my daughter needs more time to overcome the loss of her beloved husband."

The passing away of Salamat is a big loss both to his family and the Moro people.

Biston, who is now in Marawi City, said, "There's a white flag displayed almost everywhere in Marawi. The Bangsamoro people are mourning the death of one of their great leaders."

The father-in-law, who is about 11 years younger than his son-in-law, could hardly express in words how sad and affected he is. "He was a very good son to me. Nothing can fill the void he'd left in our hearts."

Spiritual leader

Salamat was not just a revolutionary leader. The MILF and the Moro people look up to him as a symbol of spirituality.

Moner Bajunaid, whose thinking and outlook in life had been greatly influenced by Salamat described him as a no-nonsense spiritual leader.

Bajunaid said, "He was devoted to his prayers, and would pray regularly in wee hours of the night. He would deliver his Friday sermons like a scholar would deliver his lectures. He was loved by those who believed in his struggle."

Before the 2000 all-out war was launched by deposed president Joseph Estrada against the MILF, the Islamic way of life was being practiced by Salamat's followers in the MILF and Muslim communities within Abubakar. The camp was more than just a military training site. It was a community where peace, Islamic customs, beliefs and traditions reigned.

In fact, a prison cell for Muslim pretenders with pending cases before the Shariah court was established. Victims, without delay, got the justice they want, while convicts were meted out penalties.

This was the dream of the MILF founder—to convert Mindanao, the Bangsamoro homeland, into an Islamic state governed and controlled not by the Muslims but by the Islamic laws.

Surrogate father

For Bajunaid, Salamat was a surrogate father. No less than the former MILF chair chose Moner to head the front's technical committee during the first round of peace negotiations with the government in January, 1997.

"Next to my parents, he was probably the greatest influence in my life. My association with him has been both ideological and intellectual. I would listen to his lectures and discourses. He would ask me to travel with him in the Middle East and in some Asian countries whenever he is invited to speak. Upon his request, I would deliver his message before several assemblies and gatherings in the past," Bajunaid said.

The two first met sometime in January 1970 in Manila upon Salamat's return from the Middle East. But their encounter was very brief. Four years later, they met in Cairo where Bajunaid was taking up a course on Islamic Studies at the Al-Azhar University.

Bajunaid described Salamat as a man of principle who was always consistent in his stand.

"He never failed to show a good model of a patient and hardworking person. He always had an ear for everyone who comes and visits with him. He lived simply and modestly. He loved books. He would read anything of importance, including biographies of world leaders. He was fluent in both Arabic and English," he said.

"If I die, the next generation will continue the struggle because I have planted the seed of Jihad in the heart of the Bangsamoro," Bajunaid quoted Salamat as having said.

The late Islamic revolutionary was once called by his followers "Ameerul Mujahideen" (Leader of those who struggle in the path of Allah).

Leading by consensus

Bajunaid said Salamat led the MILF under the Islamic principles of consultations and consensus. He was a leader who would listen to all sides of the issues and seek divine guidance before making important decision.

"He was more of a transformational leader in that he would focus more on principles, values and strategies in running the affairs of the MILF. He would delegate responsibilities and very rarely would apply hands-on supervision," Bajunaid said.

"He was forgiving and accommodating to human and honest mistakes, but firm in applying Islamic law and jurisprudence whenever necessary."

Town in ARMM wakes to its first ever public library

By Edwin O. Fernandez
Datu Piang, Maguindanao

A LARGE number of people in Datu Piang town in Maguindanao love to read, not only to keep themselves abreast of developments that could possibly send them trooping to evacuation centers again, but also to broaden their knowledge on various topics.

This practice has never been hampered by the fact that they have to queue at the privately owned Notre Dame of Dulawan library, which gives priority to students of the school so that they can browse through their favorite newspapers or lay their hands on to various textbooks and reference materials.

And this good habit has caught the attention of officials of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Recently, the regional library put up the town's first public library in an effort to encourage more people to read.

"With this library, people who have not visited areas of learning are very happy," Kamarudin Saman, 40, a local resident, said.

Saman said the public library was long overdue and they were thankful that the ARMM government finally realized the need to construct one in his place.

And maybe Datu Piang could regain the title, cradle of Maguindanaon professionals, as it was known in the then undivided Cotabato Empire province.

"It's not late yet for our children to experience what other children their age are enjoying long ago," said Nazareno Tan, a businessman who operates a variety store a few meters from the library.

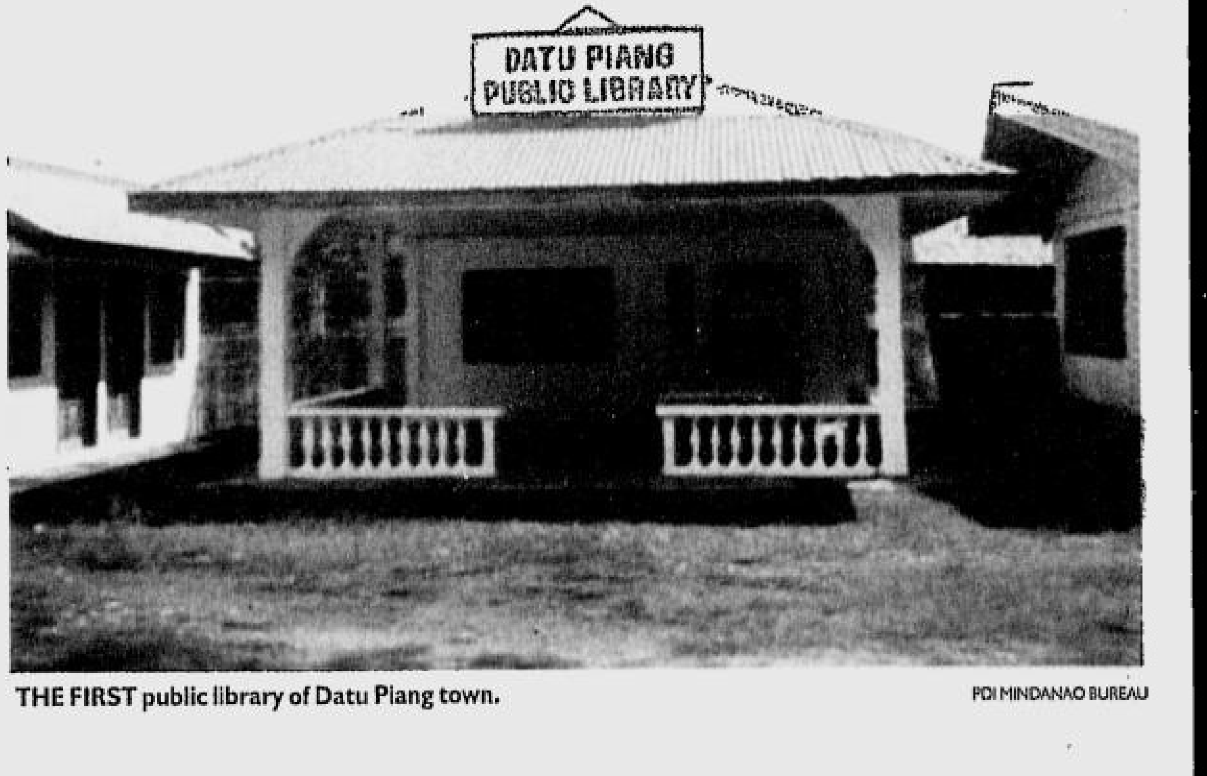
Saman said the construction of the library had excited the children, both in and out of school.

Regional librarian Pinadtaya Milanes said Datu Piang Mayor Samer Uy had pledged more funds to keep the library's materials updated.

She said the local government would also provide separate building to expand the area for the expected influx of elementary and high school students and out-of-school youth who wanted to read.

Milanes said Datu Piang was only the start of an ambitious project that aimed to increase the literacy rate of the region. The ARMM is one of the country's areas with a very low literacy rate.

Milanes said the regional library would also establish public reading centers in other towns in Maguindanao. "We are optimistic that through this, we would be able to bring the ARMM government closer to the people and on the other hand, the people will have easy access to educational materials and information about the workings of the government."



THE FIRST public library of Datu Piang town.

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At last, Sarah finds Mr. Right

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vealed naturally in the course of their life together.

"It's better that way so we won't be tempted to pick on each other's mistakes should we have misunderstandings," Sarah said.

Child by TV journalist

Sarah, then 17, returned to Manila in 1996, and was soon on the way to celebrity status. She was being groomed by her manager as a recording and theater artist.

But she was so young—and so vulnerable.

She got into a relationship with a broadcast journalist much older than her, whom she fondly called "kuya" (big brother).

"Every time I had a problem, I would call him and he would always be with me," she said, recalling the times when he visited her at the hostel run by the Overseas Workers Welfare Organization. "When I cried, he could easily make me laugh."

Eventually, Sarah said, she felt betrayed when he "took advantage of my innocence" and got her pregnant.

The child, a daughter, is now five years old.

When her child's father found out about Russell, she said, "he told me he was happy for me." That was the last time they spoke, although he continues to send financial support for the child through a common friend.

By accounts, Russell came at an anxious moment in the single mother's life.

They met in 1999 and stayed friends for a while, long enough for each to know the other's secrets and regrets, aspirations and inhibitions.

They called each other "Tol," which they later adopted as their term of endearment.

Sarah said Russell's sincerity set him apart from the other men she had known, and was the very backbone of their relationship.

Handsome and reticent, Russell appeared the type who could win a woman's heart by simply flashing his sheepish smile.

That was exactly what he did when he began to woo Sarah in 2000—and she said "yes" in two weeks.

DINNER for Sarah and Russel is hosted by former Ambassador Roy Señeres and wife Minnie (extreme left) in their Las Piñas residence. Señeres, then Philippine envoy to Abu Dhabi, spearheaded the movement to save Sarah Balabagan from a death sentence for stabbing her employer who was trying to rape her. VAL HANDUMON

"I was also in love with him then, so I thought, why make things difficult for both of us?" Sarah recalled.

Opposites

Sarah and Russell's love story is marked by opposites which, to their minds, could be the very reason they grew strong as a couple.

Russell hails from Apalit, Pampanga, where his Catholic upbringing taught him little about Sarah's Islamic religion and culture.

He's shy—an attribute that somehow runs counter to the fact that he began dancing at 14 and was soon lured by the entertainment industry, causing him to barely scrape through high school at Espiritu Santo Parochial School in Tayuman, Manila.

Instead of going to college, he danced for a living, traveling at least five times to Japan where he learned to speak the language.

By the time they met, Russell had retired from the entertainment business and was contemplating his next career move.

Sarah can't cook, so Russell takes charge of cooking their meals. She loves beefsteak, so he makes sure that a week won't pass without him cooking the dish for lunch or dinner. She eats chicken, but it has to be "halal."

More importantly, Russell does not mind living with someone who prays five times each day while facing in the direction of Mecca.

"He respects my beliefs, and I also respect his," Sarah said. "We have accepted each other."

And Russell said he has no problem either with his future wife's celebrity status, including her hectic schedule.

The arrangement is simple: "I will take her to a show or practice session and I'll disappear a moment later. I'm really uneasy with all these shows and interviews," he said.

P1.2-M trust fund

The two shuttle between two houses—one in Makati, the other in Quezon City—that Russell's family owns.

On top of singing and speaking engagements here and abroad, Sarah is a mass communication sophomore at the AMA Computer College. She said she wanted to go into broadcasting.

She is an active member of a group mounting plays in Metro Manila and nearby provinces, and recently played Flerida in a stage adaptation of "Florante at Laura," and Paulita Gomez in "El Filibusterismo."

But despite what seems to be a blooming career, Sarah said she takes much comfort in staying home and tending to her child.

Money does not appear to be a problem. And the P1.2 million trust fund deposited in the Land-Bank of the Philippines by the Save Sarah Balabagan Movement is expected to mature in 2005, allowing Sarah to withdraw the accumulated interest monthly.

Now Sarah and Russell are busy preparing for their wedding.

Señeres, through whose efforts Sarah was saved from the death sentence in Abu Dhabi, said he has agreed to stand as one of the major sponsors.

The ex-ambassador said the couple would also like to have as sponsors President Macapagal-Arroyo and former President Fidel Ramos—who both closely monitored Sarah's plight from her imprisonment until her safe return to the country—except that they had yet to seek the approval of the two leaders.

California recall poll ...

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deadline for candidates to declare for the special election to replace Gov. Gray Davis, more than 200 people had filed candidacy papers with their county registrars.

'Terminator,' 'Hustler'

Among the declared candidates so far are Hollywood action star Arnold Schwarzenegger who said he was running to clean house in Sacramento, the state capital; Larry Flynt, publisher of the porno magazine "Hustler"; and billboard sex siren Angelyne whose bold likeness advertises tours of Hollywood and the Sunset Strip.

Congressman Darryl Issa, who bankrolled the successful recall signature petition against Davis only eight months into his second term, had earlier declared he was running. But on Friday, he exited in favor of Schwarzenegger.

Also set to run are Michael Jackson (not the king of pop), Bill Murray (not the comic actor) and Steve Young (not the San Francisco 49ers quarterback).

Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi has also entered the race. Former baseball commissioner and Los Angeles Olympic organizer Peter Ueberroth is weighing a run and Senator Diane Feinstein is leaving the door ajar.

The Oct. 7 first-ever recall election in California is bringing a sense of déjà vu to the state's million or so Filipino Americans.

During the May 1998 elections that elected Joseph Estrada, at least 81 people declared to run for president. These included a man who believed he was the reincarnation of Jesus and appeared at a Commission on Elections hearing dressed as a shepherd with a sheep under his arm. Another hopeful claimed to be a scientist but swore that if elected, he would consult astrologers before deciding on all-important matters of state.

Deadpanned the Los Angeles Times newspaper about the coming recall vote: "In America, children are raised to believe that anyone with enough ambition, talent and luck can grow up to become president. In California, voters are about to find out that anyone with $3,500 and 65 friends can at least try to become governor."

For anyone with gubernatorial ambitions, it takes that amount and 65 valid signatures to get on the ballot for Oct. 7.

Slot machines

Flynt advocates flooding the state with slot machines to close the state's $30 billion deficit, the prime reason why Davis is facing recall.

Young is a comedian whom the Los Angeles Times newspaper recalled as someone who gained "instant notoriety for putting his wife and two children up for sale on eBay, soon after the small Northern California town of Bridgeville put itself on the block."

Young told the newspaper the "recall candidacy started out as a similar prank."

Other candidates include a Bay Area Republican called Bob Dole and a San Francisco Democrat named Dan Feinstein, a distant cousin of state Senator Diane Feinstein.

Normally, joke candidates turn up by the dozen but are eliminated during the primaries. This time they're going to end up in the "main event" and can get elected governor, warns a political analyst.

The growing list of candidates is giving election officials logistical fits and an uncharacteristically serious tone to the monologues of late night television hosts.

"Tonight Show" host Jay Leno says the recall is turning California into the "laughing-stock of America."

A more cruel assessment comes from the LA Times itself.

"One certainty is that the flood of potential candidates cements California's reputation as the political loony bin of the nation," the state's newspaper of record declared in an editorial.

NBI: Fingerprints ...

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Smarting from Saguisag's broadside on TV about investigators having "the mind of a flea," Wycoco said the former senator should defend Cardenas in the proper forum, the courts.

"The problem ... is that if they run out of arguments, they resort to name calling," Wycoco said, and, by way of tit for tat, added a barbed remark about Saguisag's supposed questionable gender.

CIDG DETAINEE

CARDENAS with NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco when he was presented to the media July 28. ERIK ARAZAS

He stressed that the bureau did not manufacture evidence against Cardenas—Presidential Management Staff chief during the Estrada administration—particularly the video of the rebel soldiers that was supposedly shot inside the raided house.

"The videotape was issued by the rebel soldiers themselves," Wycoco said, adding that it was only part of the evidence the bureau had against Cardenas and the rebel soldiers.

The other evidence obtained by the NBI consisted of a claim stub from a Cebu Pacific Air flight for medical kits that were later discovered in Cardenas' house, and two steel knives allegedly used in the rebel soldiers' blood compact that were also discovered there.

Insult

Responding to Wycoco's statements, Saguisag said he was referring to the whole intelligence community when he made the "flea" remark but that the NBI director apparently felt alluded to.

He chided Wycoco for "insulting what little intelligence I have" by presenting allegedly questionable evidence against Cardenas and subjecting the latter to trial by publicity.

"He's trying his case [through] the media," Saguisag said.

Earlier, Saguisag publicly questioned the NBI for not even getting the identity of the woman who supposedly threw out the garbage bags that contained evidence against the rebel soldiers.

Direct link

Elsewhere, Interior Secretary Jose Lina said that even after rebellion charges had been filed against two persons close to Joseph Estrada, investigators were still looking for a "direct link" between the ousted President and the mutiny.

"Even at this point we will go by the evidence. We will try to avoid political statements," Lina told reporters when pressed to say what was preventing investigators from pinning down Estrada himself.

On Friday, the Department of Interior and Local Government and the PNP filed rebellion charges against Estrada mistress Laarni Enriquez, whose townhouse in Mandaluyong was allegedly used by the rebel soldiers as a staging point.

As in the raid on Cardenas' house, a raid on Enriquez's property had purportedly yielded arms, combat gear, and Magdalo armbands and flags.

From his detention suite at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, Estrada has repeatedly denied any link to the Magdalo group and dismissed the evidence found in the Enriquez and Cardenas houses as "planted."

"We are still looking for evidence directly linking the former President," Lina said at a press conference where, at one point, he conceded that if the media would "make that inference, we can't do anything about it."

But he said "we may still file additional charges against politicians behind the [attempted] power grab ... which merely used the soldiers' grievances as camouflage."

6 weeks old

The DILG chief also announced that medico-legal findings on the government's star witness, Army Maj. Perfecto Ragil, had confirmed that his purported self-inflicted cut made during the blood compact of Magdalo recruits was six weeks old.

The findings, Lina said, should further bolster the credibility of Ragil, a member of the Presidential Security Group who earlier said Sen. Gregorio Honasan was present at the blood compact on the night of June 4 in a house in San Juan, Metro Manila.

The result of the tests on Ragil, conducted by Senior Insp. Paul Ortiz of the PNP Crime Laboratory, will be submitted Monday to the Department of Justice in the form of a supplemental affidavit to the rebellion charges filed against Honasan on Aug. 4, Lina added. *With a report from Volt Contreras*

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LOOK MA'AM, NO COUP: Songs mark the assembly on Saturday of the Philippine Guardian Brotherhood Inc., Luzon chapter, which is affiliated with Sen. Gregorio Honasan. During their assembly at Camp Aguinaldo, the Guardians signed a peace covenant with Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes and Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya. Beside Reyes is retired Col. Virgilio Briones, Guardians veep for Luzon. (*Story on Page A2*) JOAN BONDOC

Al-Ghozi reported dead

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captured last Thursday.

Lanao del Sur Rep. Faysah Dumpara said she believes Al-Ghozi had been killed with Edris.

"If he had not been killed, the task force headed by PNP chief (Hermogenes) Ebdane would still be in Sultan Naga Dimaporo," she said.

Lanao del Norte Vice Gov. Timoteo Decalos said he had also heard about Al-Ghozi's death.

Nica operatives

Operatives from the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (Nica) in northern Mindanao and police intelligence operatives from the same region were also verifying reports of Al-Ghozi's death.

A Nica source told the INQUIRER they had been tipped off by the Manila office. "We are still working on it so we cannot say whether the report has some weight or not," he said.

In Manila, top military officials maintained that Al-Ghozi was alive and hiding in Lanao del Norte.

"We believe he (Al-Ghozi) is still in the vicinity where Edris was captured," AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Narciso Abaya told reporters when asked if the military had traced the whereabouts of Al-Ghozi who had also confessed to his involvment in the Dec. 30, 2000 bombing of the Blumentritt LRT station in Manila.

When asked how close the military was to capturing Al-Ghozi, Abaya said: "We can't reveal that to you... I don't want to speculate."

Stop criticizing

Abaya hinted that criticisms of the military for the killing of Edris and Ismael were unjustified.

"From the explanation of General (Roy) Kyamko, I believe there's no reason to doubt what happened," he said, referring to the Southern Command chief who reported that the pair were killed after they tried to wrest the firearms of their escorts on their way to the hideout of Al-Ghozi.

Lt. Gen. Rodolfo Garcia, AFP vice chief, echoed Abaya, saying "Instead of criticizing our troops who are suffering in the field, we should give them some credit."

"Our soldiers made an accomplishment, and that was the capture of Edris. Hopefully, we'll be able to capture the main fugitive, Al-Ghozi," he added in an interview over dzRH.

Abaya said that he was standing by Gen. Kyamko's report despite claims by Sen. John Osmeña that Edris had been arrested earlier than Thursday and was killed to stop him from revealing the personalities behind his mysterious escape.

Despite President Macapagal-Arroyo's order to the military to look into the circumstances of Edris' death, Abaya said he didn't see the need for the military to open an inquiry on the incident.

"We are not conducting any investigation. I trust the statement of the commander of the Southcom as to what happened," he said.

Garcia said that the Southcom would conduct an investigation into Edris' killing.

MILF protest

The MILF demanded yesterday that government pull out troops hunting Al-Ghozi near its camps.

The MILF, which agreed to restart peace talks to end a 31-year separatist war, said Al-Ghozi had not sought refuge in any of their camps in Lanao provinces.

"We are protesting the unusual deployment of Marine troops in Lanao del Sur province and the Army in Lanao del Norte province," rebel spokesperson Eid Kabalu told Reuters by phone.

"We demand that they pull out and return to barracks," Kabalu said, adding the military beefed up its troops as part of an intensified manhunt against Al-Ghozi.

Earlier, MILF vice chair Ghazali Jaafar said in a TV interview the guerrillas would ask the government not to allow troops to raid their camps.

"If they do this, Mindanao will again be thrown into disarray and this might stall the restart of peace talks between the MILF and the government," Jaafar said.

The talks, stalled since late 2001, were scheduled to resume this month with Muslim-dominated Malaysia acting as host and broker.

The military said it will go after Al-Ghozi even inside MILF camps if there are signs that the Indonesian fugitive is being held there.

"The ceasefire does not remove the mandate of the AFP and police to pursue the criminal," Kyamko told reporters.

Military spokesperson Lt. Col. Daniel Lucero said troops are searching for Al-Ghozi because of information provided by one of the Abu Sayyaf rebels who escaped with him from jail.

The July 14 escape of Al-Ghozi caused great embarrassment to the Philippines and raised doubts about its reliability in the US-led war on terror.

Washington linked both the Jemaah Islamiya and the Abu Sayyaf to the al-Qaida network of Osama bin Laden, blamed for the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in the United States.

Jemaah Islamiya has been blamed for the nightclub bombings that killed 202 people on the Indonesian island of Bali in October last year and is a prime suspect in Tuesday's blast in a US-run luxury hotel in Jakarta that killed 10 people. *Fe Zamora and Grace Cantal-Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Ordoñez commission may probe Edris' death

By Juliet L. Javellana

MALACAÑANG yesterday said the Ordoñez fact-finding commission may inquire into the death of Abdulmukim Edris, who was killed Thursday after he and a Moro Islamic Liberation Front commander allegedly tried to fight with their captors.

Ignacio Bunye, the President's spokesperson, said the commission headed by former Justice Secretary Sedfrey Ordoñez has a broad mandate and can include the case of Edris.

The Ordoñez commission was formed by the President last month to investigate the suspicious escape of Al-Ghozi, Edris and Omar Opik Lasal from maximum-security detention inside police headquarters in Camp Crame on July 14.

The incident embarrassed the Macapagal administration and affected her anti-terrorism leadership posture in the region.

Commended but...

President Macapagal-Arroyo commended the Armed Forces Southern Command for "accounting for" Edris but she also ordered an investigation into the shooting incident to address concerns that the Abu Sayyaf member had been intentionally killed to prevent him from talking.

Edris was reportedly a deep penetration agent of the military.

Oakwood staff: Hearts spoke louder than a thousand guns

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Robert Rosetti, director for human resources Wilma Estaura, duty manager Lani Generoso and senior executive Al Legaspi.

"By placing the welfare and safety of Oakwood guests and colleagues above that of your own, you have shown exemplary leadership. We salute your bravery and dedication during the crisis. Your character and professionalism are an inspiration to all Oakwood employees around the globe," read the citation.

The US-based Oakwood Worldwide group has always considered the Oakwood Premier Ayala Center, a joint venture between Ayala Land and Rodamco Asia Pacific, as one of its flagship projects in Asia, being the only five-star serviced apartment in the Philippines.

Hailed as heroes

The hotel's 44 employees who had stayed to take care of the guests and the staff during the siege were hailed as heroes during the awarding and reception last Tuesday in which ALI chair Fernando Zobel de Ayala and president Francisco H. Licuanan III went around thanking the Oakwood employees.

"We will always remember July 27th," Klein said in his speech.

Klein said giving the certificates was the least that the group could do to recognize their people in Manila. The Oakwood group chair Howard Ruby and Oakwood Asia Pacific managing director P.G. Matthew personally signed the certificates to show appreciation for the employees, he said.

Klein said that the Oakwood group has faced adversity a number of times throughout its 43-year history and it has standard operating procedures to prepare the staff for almost any kind of emergency from fire to accidents, but they do not have any for mutinies.

Special

He said this was what made the Oakwood staff in Manila even more special to the Oakwood world, prompting the group to immediately implement a global sales and marketing plan to support the Oakwood Premier Ayala Center in the months ahead.

"In the wake of the events of July 27th, we are bringing more worldwide resources to help strengthen our business at Oakwood Premier Ayala Center," said Klein.

The initiative will include personal visits to clients at their headquarters around the world.

"We are talking with our clients face-to-face to discuss the situation in Makati," he said, adding that the center will also be featured at the upcoming National Business Travel Association show in Dallas, Texas.

Oakwood manager Robert A. Rosetti said the plan also calls for a more aggressive marketing campaign to market the Philippine property in US niche markets, not just through rate promotions but discussions on the Philippines itself.

"It is also to educate people in the US who do not know about the Philippines, it is also about generating goodwill and awareness. There is also an internal campaign among the Oakwood staff of 33,000 people to look at how the staff in Manila performed under extreme circumstances," Rosetti said.

Keeping cool

Rosetti stressed that one wrong move from any member of the Oakwood staff, or the guests, could have easily changed events. The people kept their cool, thus helping lead to a peaceful resolution to the crisis, he said.

Oakwood senior executive Al Legaspi said operations are back to normal at the Oakwood but the morale is definitely high and everyone is motivated to do even better work.

"There was really no expectation on the part of the employees that they would get these rewards so what we got were really nice gestures. We also have to stress and thank Mr. Licuanan and Mr. Zobel for always asking about the staff and the guests. They never once talked about any possible damage to the property and for that we will always be grateful," Legaspi said.

For Rosetti, it was definitely an experience to wake up in the middle of the night and face men armed to the teeth, but he said he had no choice himself but to keep his cool and follow their orders to the letter.

"But the next day, I cried," he said though now, he is definitely more than happy with his staff and with Oakwood's business.

In an interview with AFP, Klein said there remained a "tremendous market" in the Philippines, stressing that risks were always inherent in any businesses.

"The Philippines is one of the many countries where we have opportunities," Klein told reporters, adding that based on occupancy rates the Oakwood serviced apartments "are more successful than other hotels here."

"Am I bullish? Sure I am," he said. "There is a tremendous market here."

Risks "come with the territory" and multinational firms should face the fact that individual countries where investments are made have their own internal problems, from terrorism to political instability, he said.

Key business center

"So you really are not safe anywhere. The bigger you get, the bigger your exposure is," Klein said, adding that his view of Manila being a key business center has not been affected by the failed coup.

Oakwood director for sales and marketing Catherine McNabb said the crisis could result in "a short-term blip" in terms of occupancy rates but the long-term remains "extremely positive."

While multinational companies have said they would review Oakwood's security set-up, many have promised to remain as clients. Nearly all of the 600 guests trapped during the siege had returned after the crisis was over, she said.

McNabb said there were no significant losses, noting that Oakwood had a 66-percent occupancy rate a week after the siege. Total losses for the day-long crisis were estimated at only P1 million. *With a report from AFP*

Who's Ma'am? Who's Mayor?

By Armand Nocum and Philip C. Tubeza

WHO are "Ma'am" and "Mayor"?

The Department of Justice wants to find out from state witness Liezel Magpoc, who had allegedly bought Laarni Enriquez's townhouse at 461 J. B. Vargas St., Barangay Bagong Silang, Mandaluyong City. The house was supposedly used as a staging area by the Magdalo mutineers for their revolt.

Magpoc, in an affidavit submitted to the DOJ, said Romy Escalona, the engineer involved in the construction of the townhouse, told her it was "Ma'am" and "Mayor" who gave the orders for Magpoc's caretakers to leave the Mandaluyong townhouse before rebel soldiers came to occupy it.

She did not identify who "Ma'am" and "Mayor" were in her affidavit.

Enriquez, Escalona, one alias "Ma'am," one alias "Mayor" and several John and Jane Does were named respondents in the rebellion and illegal possession of firearms and explosives case filed by the police and the Department of Interior and Local Government before the DOJ last Friday.

For former President Joseph Estrada, it was quite clear who "Mayor" was.

Dragging Jinggoy

In a telephone interview yesterday, Estrada said the government was out to drag his son, former San Juan Mayor Jinggoy Estrada, into the case.

He said the inclusion of "Mayor" in the case before the DOJ validated their suspicion that military intelligence agents who were caught outside the house of Jinggoy last week were out to plant evidence.

"It is becoming very clear that they were after Jinggoy, who was lucky enough to have stopped the military intelligence agents from planting evidence in his house," Estrada said.

He said San Juan police arrested the agents, who belonged to the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, but they were released upon orders of Philippine National Police Director General Hermogenes Ebdane.

Estrada admitted talking to Magpoc, but said it was only because she was seeking legal advice through her lawyer, Jay Flaminiano.

"We told her to hold the filing of an affidavit and let Jay's father do it," Estrada said.

Magpoc had earlier claimed that Estrada had asked her to defer the filing of her affidavit because his group had "thought of something."

"What was wrong with that? What was wrong with offering a more seasoned lawyer, a former fiscal do her affidavit?" he said, referring to lawyer Jose Flaminiano.

The elder Flaminiano and Rufus Rodriguez are Enriquez's lawyers in the rebellion case.

Estrada confirmed that Magpoc and Enriquez were close, the former having been in "Laarni's payroll as a real estate agent for four years now."

"We just wanted to play it safe as far as legal matters are concerned. The father is an experienced and a better lawyer than the son," Estrada said of Jose Flaminiano.

Justice Undersecretary Jose Calida, who said yesterday that they will ask Magpoc to identify "Ma'am" and "Mayor" to determine who were the other prominent personalities involved in the mutiny, was quick to deny that the government was "persecuting" Estrada and his close associates.

He also shot down allegations that the raid at Enriquez's townhouse was illegal because it was done without a search warrant. He said a state of rebellion had been declared by then and the raiding team had entered the house after seeing two men, one in camouflage uniform, inside.

The Mandaluyong police dismissed Enriquez's threat to file criminal charges against the operatives who raided her townhouse.

"This is part of a strategy to harass the police because they know they can't defend their case. What else can they do?" city police chief Supt. Ericson Velasquez said in a telephone interview.

Velasquez also denied the police had planted evidence.

He said they did not know who owned the townhouse at the time it was raided.

"We only found out that Enriquez was the true owner a few days later. Besides, where will we get all those weapons and explosives? You know the situation then," he said. *With a report from Luige del Puerto*

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Enriquez, who was interviewed for 30 minutes over the telephone while she was visiting Estrada at the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, said she was "in high spirits."

She said her source of strength is her faith in God and the truth.

She said she wondered why the government was now going after her. She said she had been busy preparing the launch of her Japanese fast-food restaurant for the past four months.

"For 20 years, I've been shying away from the media because I wanted to keep my private life private. Not a single statement was attributed to me amid all charges during the impeachment (trial)," she said in a mix of English and Pilipino.

Enriquez had been accused of owning multimillion-peso mansions and of receiving an expensive necklace from *jueteng* money.

"I see a script here. What's their final salvo? President Estrada? Why me, why Jinggoy (Estrada), why Eki?" she asked.

Enriquez was charged by the police last Friday before the Department of Justice with rebellion and illegal possession of firearms and explosives following a raid on her Mandaluyong house. Also charged were Romy Escalona, the engineer involved in the construction of the house, an alias "Mayor," an alias "Ma'am" and several others.

Lina links up with Sino officials to fight drugs

By Tina Santos

IT WOULD now be easier for authorities to identify and arrest suspected Chinese drug traffickers in the country and investigate drug-related cases after the Department of Interior and Local Government forged a pact with the government of the People's Republic of China.

DILG Secretary Joey Lina signed a program of action on the prevention and control of illegal drug trafficking in the country with his counterpart in Beijing.

On Friday, Lina returned from a one-day official trip to China where he met with Public Security Minister and State Councilor Zhou Yongkang.

The two men signed a Memorandum of Understanding that paved the way for the implementation of an anti-drug trafficking agreement which the Philippines and China forged in October 2001.

"It was a successful official visit ... we have managed to forge a closer partnership and collaboration between the two countries in the government's crusade against drug trafficking," he said.

Lina said the MOU promotes and encourages various modes of cooperation between Chinese and Filipino law enforcers to prevent and control the various aspects of production, distribution, trafficking and abuse of drugs. Officials also hope to suppress the essential chemicals used in the manufacture of illegal drugs.

The DILG chief added that with the MOU, it would now be easier for the authorities to identify sources of chemicals and substances used in the manufacture of shabu and other narcotics.

Records showed that most of the essential chemicals that were seized by Philippine drug authorities came from China, particularly in the provinces of Guandong and Fujian.

Records also showed that from June and July this year, Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency men and other law enforcers arrested about 33 drug suspects.

Police said that 12 of those rounded up were Chinese.

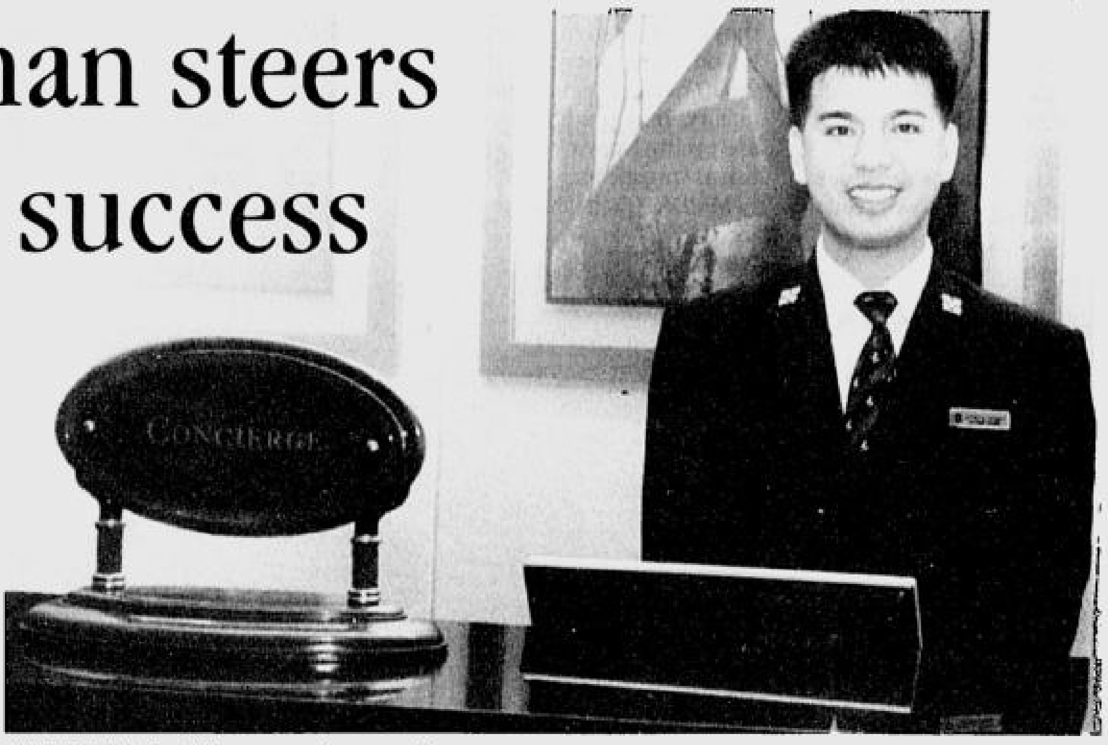
Lina yesterday said that aside from the signing of the MOU, his visit to China also resulted in the enhancement of information exchange, and the monitoring and response capability of the two countries.

Other activities included in the program of action adopted by the two countries are: Designation of drug enforcement attaches and liaison officers; the holding of exchange programs and workshops; information sharing particularly on the conduct of investigation and prosecution of laws; and the identification of major drug trafficking organizations.

In the agreement, Chinese and Filipino law enforcers conducting drug operations shall be under the jurisdiction of the host country, Lina said. In no instance shall they operate independently during the conduct of an investigation.

Hotel man steers coop to success

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao



ENRIQUEZ: A religious man does good

RELIGION has been central to the life of Jeffrey M. Enriquez, a simple man who did good.

In 1996, Enriquez was agonizing over a major career decision: Should he accept a management position at the Makati Shangri-la, which was offered to him barely 25 days after the hotel opened?

Things were happening to Enriquez—then aged 25 and a working as a cashier at the Makati Shangri-la. To think he joined the hotel group only in April 1993.

Had he accepted, he would have had to give up his post as the first elected chairman of the Employee-Management Council, or the Sangguinian Council and Employees Cooperative.

That meant leaving his fellow employees to fend for themselves.

For the answer, Enriquez turned to God.

Sign

Enriquez told the INQUIRER in an interview that he did see a sign.

He turned down the promotion and steered the cooperative and Sanggunian Council to success.

By the time Enriquez left in 1996, the Sanggunian was recognized as one of the best employee-management councils in the local hotel industry.

The Employees Cooperative, mobilized by 50 employees who each put in P1,000 (management also gave P500,000 in seed money), has also grown, amassing P30 million in assets.

"I felt God was telling me that I should stay on," Enriquez explained. "I felt that I would make a difference if I served my co-employees because we were just starting then and most did not have any experience in running a council."

Enriquez was an old hand at councils. He was student council chairman of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila and was heavily into extra-curricular activities while he was finishing his degree in Electronics and Communications Engineering, and associate degree in Computer Science.

He finished both courses in 1990.

Enriquez applied the same passion for service at the Makati Shangri-la. Labor and management appreciated his valuable contribution so much that, at the end of his term (the original council by-laws restricted service to a single two-year term), the rules were amended so that he could extend his term for another two years.

Growing up happy

"My father was an ordinary employee," Enriquez said, recalling his youth. "We were four in the family, and my mother was a homemaker. We had a simple life, but we have always been taught that, as long as we were happy, we were successful. And I am happiest when I am helping people, maybe that is why I have always been involved in these activities."

One of his projects was a community outreach program, which the Sangguniang Council set up in December 1995.

The program was meant to provide assistance to victims of typhoons and calamities, as well as the orphans of Nayon ng Kabataan.

In February 1998, Enriquez finally became a management trainee with the rooms division, and after the six-month training program, he was immediately promoted to the position of supervisor for the Guest Service Center, where he revised process to improve the quality of service while reducing costs.

In January 1999, Enriquez became assistant head concierge.

He later got involved in training and development and, in 2001, he was chosen as Trainor of the Year because of his style that has been described as motivating.

Head Concierge

In January last year, Enriquez became Head Concierge, overseeing 30 regular staff members, 40 casual employees and about 50 dispatchers in the hotel's bell service, transportation and valet parking sections.

Last April, Enriquez was inducted as a member of the prestigious L'Clef D'or, the Society of Golden Keys—an international group made up of the cream of the hotel industry.

He is now vice president of the society's Philippine chapter.

5 inmates hurt in QC prison riot

By Tina Santos

MENACING glares between members of the feuding Sigue-Sigue Commando and Sigue-Sigue Sputnik gangs sparked a riot where five Quezon City jail inmates were hurt early yesterday morning.

The injured Sputnik gang members were identified as Zaldy Boy Mallari, 44, accused of malicious mischief, Federico Samoranes, 29, who is facing murder charges, Felix Tamares, 36, and Roberto Raburar, 34, both in jail for robbery.

Commando gang member Antonio Saycon, 35, accused of drug pushing, was also injured in the prison violence.

Police said one victim was stabbed in the back. The rest of the victims were wounded by improvised darts and arrows.

According to investigators, Saycon threw dagger looks at an unidentified member of a rival group.

The unidentified man reportedly got upset and signaled to his gang mates, investigators said.

Later, another unidentified man stabbed Saycon in the back. The stabbing then led to a free-for-all, investigators said.

Improvised arrows also started to fly from both sides, police said.

The wounded inmates were taken to the East Avenue Medical Center for treatment, police added.

Cops warned on parading suspects before media

By Leila Salaverria

A WARNING to the Manila police: Think twice before parading apprehended suspects before the cameras.

This order came not from the families of suspects or human rights groups but, curiously, from police officials themselves who have traditionally been lambasted for presenting to the media suspects who have not been charged or convicted yet.

In an Aug. 7 memo, Supt. Edgar Danao warned that the premature presentation of suspects might jeopardize further investigations of the suspects' cases.

"In some instances, follow-up operations have been preempted by exposing the suspects prematurely," said Danao, head of the Special Operations Group of the Western Police District's anti-illegal drugs unit.

Danao added that some suspects paraded before the media were also not in "proper attire," which then "puts the whole unit, as well as the WPD, in a bad light."

Danao said that for this practice to be avoided, all press releases, photo opportunities and interviews must be cleared with the chief of office or the deputy chief.

It has been standard practice for the police, especially high-ranking officials, to present suspects in news conferences, especially if the suspects are involved in high-profile crimes.

55,000 inmates to clog RP jails by yearend, says BJMP officials

By Margaux Ortiz

THE WORLD is getting smaller for Filipino prisoners.

Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) officials have reported that unless the present trend is reversed, jails all over the country would soon be facing severe problems of overcrowding and congestion.

Chief Supt. Arturo Alit, BJMP officer-in-charge, said that at the present monthly increase of 2.2 percent, the BJMP jail population would balloon to 55,000 at the end of the year from the present 48,340.

Based on the bureau's June report, BJMP jails in the National Capital Region account for 17,702 or 37 percent of the total jail population nationwide, Alit said.

He also told the INQUIRER that Manila City Jail has a capacity of only 2,000, but is now home to 5,000 inmates.

Quezon City Jail is second on the list with a capacity of 815. Alit said it houses more than 2,000 prisoners.

Even Pateros jail, which can accommodate only 65 people, presently has over 100 inmates.

Alit suggested a multi-sectoral approach to help reduce the jail population to a manageable level.

"Various sectors of society have to be mobilized to help solve the overcrowding problem," Alit said.

He said that they are requesting lawyers at the Public Attorney's Office and even law students to give time to poor inmates.

He said that many of the inmates have already served their sentences inside the jails while waiting for their cases to prosper.

Alit added that most of the inmates could not afford their own lawyers.

"We have a list of prisoners who have exceeded their penalties and could actually go free with the proper court order," Alit said.

He also requested barangay officials and parents of juvenile offenders who have committed minor offenses to take custody of the youths instead of sending them directly to prison.

The BJMP head said the projected increase in jail population would stretch the allocation for the inmates' subsistence allowance to P1.93 million a day or P57.7 million a month.

Alit said that effective last month, the daily subsistence allowance for every inmate has been increased from P30 to P35.

"But the increase has not been implemented because of lack of funds," Alit lamented.

Metro trash may head north

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DA the land it needs for the garbage project.

"But we realized that these towns are too far from Metro Manila," Fernando said.

MMDA General Manager Robert Nacianceno confirmed that officials in Gapan, Nueva Ecija, and towns in the "northern part of Bulacan" have been very understanding of Metro Manila's garbage woes.

Fernando, however, said Metro Manila has no serious problems with garbage at present.

"Our dump sites in Montalban, Rizal and Navotas will last us for a few years more, but we need to think long-term," Fernando stressed.

Fernando had said that the 2,000-hectare proposed facility would be home to a 500-hectare landfill, a material recovery facility and factories where paper, plastics, glass and metals could be recycled.

He added the landfill is expected to be operational for 35 years.

The MMDA chair had faced strong opposition from Quezon residents after seriously considering the conversion of vast agricultural lands in Tiaong and Candelaria towns into a depository of 6,000 tons of daily garbage from Metro Manila.

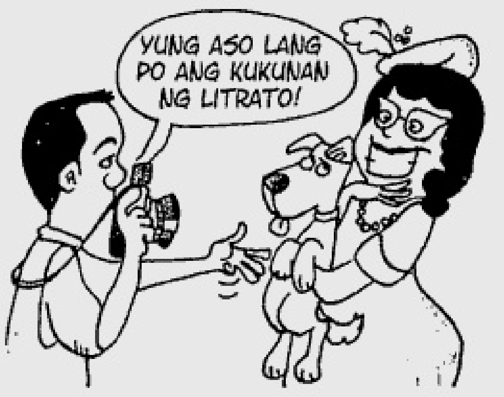
2 rob suspects lynched by mob

TWO men who robbed jeepney passengers on Friday night in Malabon City were mauled to death by angry bystanders, police said.

Their companion managed to escape with the loot.

Police said the suspects had just divested the passengers of their belongings around 10 p.m. in Hulong Duhat when a bystander saw what they were doing and shouted for help.

An angry crowd quickly formed and mobbed the two suspects aboard the jeepney but their companion managed to flee. *Tina Santos*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Better not let your dog bite in Marikina

GOT BITTEN by a dog in Marikina City? Don't worry: The city has made sure that the owner would not be able to escape his or her obligations.

City officials are now requiring dog owners to register their pets with the Animal Protection and Control Office (APCO) starting this month.

Under the New Marikina Animal Code of 2003, dog owners are required to submit an application form, a certificate of residency, a pair of 2x2 photos and a registration fee of P75 within 30 days. Those who fail to comply will be fined P1,000.

Owners must also bring a certificate or proof of anti-rabies vaccination. Otherwise, the dog's presence is required during registration.

Five days later, the dog will be issued a certificate of registration listing the name, address and contact number of its owner, as well as the dog's name, sex, breed, color and registration number.

Those who will stay in the city for 30 days will also be required to register their dogs.

Dogs brought to the city exclusively for shows or exhibitions and those owned by pet shops are exempted from the ordinance.

The city has prepared 8,000 dog tags.

In a statement, Mayor Marides Lourdes Fernando said that a person who gets bitten by a dog in the city is entitled to financial compensation from the owner. *Luige del Puerto*

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Dead in camouflage

WHERE did he come from? Police are trying to determine the identity of a man in camouflage uniform who was found floating in Pasig River in Manila on Friday afternoon. The man was around 40 to 50 years old, 5'4 to 5'6 tall and weighing around 170 to 180 pounds. Tattooed on his right arm were the letters "M M L N" which were surrounded by sampaguita flowers. He bore no sign of external injuries. The body is now at the Tres Amigos Funeral Parlor. *Leila B. Salaverria*

Painful lesson

HERE'S a painful lesson for commuters: Just give in to robbers. An unidentified man was shot dead when he resisted five armed men who robbed a RRCG Transport Bus near the Pasig-Cainta boundary yesterday, police said. The bus came from Quiapo and was on its way to Cainta. Upon reaching Santolan in Pasig City, the suspects announced a holdup and started divesting passengers of their belongings. Police said one of the suspects shot the victim with a .45 caliber pistol when he refused to hand over his bag. He died on the spot, police added. *Luige del Puerto*

Vendor shoots neighbor

HE COULDN'T take being bullied anymore, so he took matters into his own hands. Fishball vendor Noel Villaflor, 24, allegedly shot and critically wounded his neighbor, security guard Leonilo Lariosa, around 10 a.m. Saturday due to the suspect's alleged incessant bullying. PO2 Romel del Rosario said Lariosa had allegedly been poking his service gun at Villaflor whenever they meet. Yesterday, Villaflor apparently got fed up, got a homemade shotgun and shot Lariosa on the head. He remains in serious condition at a hospital. Villaflor is held by the police. *Leila Salaverria*

Slay suspect nabbed

A 22-YEAR-OLD man suspected of killing two Manila police officers was nabbed for a drug case last Friday. Ricky Macalindag, jobless and a resident of Tondo, did not resist when arrested around 8:30 p.m. Recovered from his home was a Smith and Wesson 357 and a plastic sachet believed to contain shabu. SPO3 Marlon Masangya said Macalindag confessed to killing two police officers in 2001. Police are still trying to verify Macalindag's confession. *Leila B. Salaverria*

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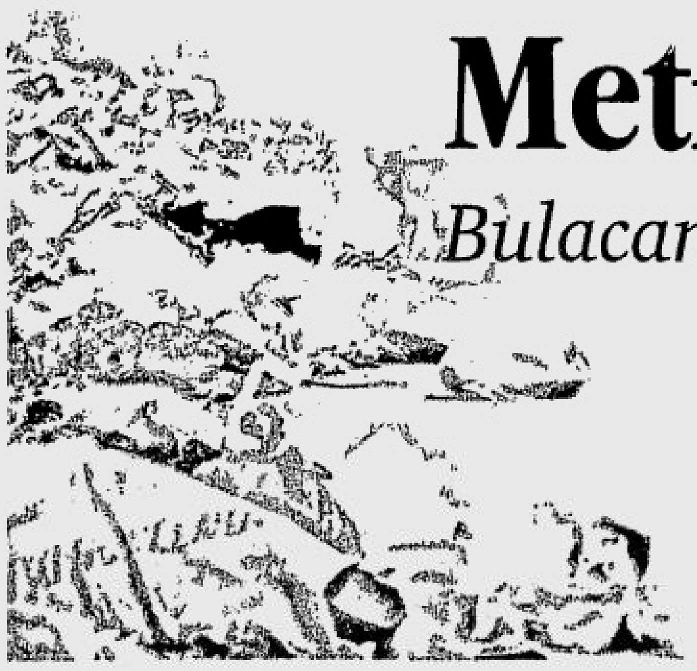

Metro trash may head north

Bulacan or Nueva Ecija looms as possible new dump site

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THE QUEST for a sanitary landfill to solve Metro Manila's garbage woes is heading north.

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) officials have disclosed that after giving up on plans to set up a garbage facility in two towns in Quezon province, they are now receiving positive feedback from two provinces north of Metro Manila.

The MMDA officials have announced two months ago that they were not giving up Southern Luzon as a possible site for a 2,000-hectare waste processing facility. But now, they said they are eyeing Nueva Ecija and Bulacan as "prospects."

MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando, who had earlier considered Laguna, Bicol and some Quezon towns, said officials from the two provinces are "positive" about the MMDA's proposal.

He did not specify what "positive" really meant except that it has to do with understanding.

"Town officials in Bulacan and Nueva Ecija understand our need for a landfill," Fernando told the INQUIRER in a phone interview the other day.

The MMDA chair said that although there are no formal negotiations yet, they are now conducting technical surveys on the possible sites.

Fernando said that some Quezon towns like Tagbilao have seriously considered giving the MM-

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UAAP STUNNERS

Ateneo soars past La Salle; Tamaraws up

By Dennis U. Eroa

ATENEO'S LA Tenorio and La Salle's Joseph Casio go for the loose ball in yesterday's encounter. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

FAR Eastern repulsed University of the Philippines, 65-60, but the biggest roar came from defending champion Ateneo as it routed arch-rival La Salle, 82-68, yesterday in the UAAP men's basketball championship at the Araneta Coliseum.

By beating the Maroons, the Tamaraws, who flashed a new-found endgame poise, ended their first round campaign on a blazing note with a 6-1 card. UP dropped to 1-5.

Focus, however, was on the Eagles' overpowering victory over the Archers, whose lack of experience proved decisive against the battle-grizzled Ateneo side unwilling to surrender an inch.

Larry Fonacier, Wesley Gonzales, Lewis Tenorio and Paolo Bugia played excellently all throughout as the Eagles gave the turnaway crowd a hint of things to come with a 50-36 halftime lead.

With La Salle missing its shots and unable to play good defense, Ateneo posted its biggest lead at 66-41 when the 6-foot-5 Bugia hit a jumper, 5:33 remaining in the third quarter.

But the Archers, backed up by their loyal fans, weren't going to just roll and die. Trailing 71-52 at the end of the third period, La Salle came to life as its tireless press stymied Ateneo's deadly offense, limiting the Eagles to just two points after five minutes of play in the fourth half.

Joseph Yeo, who opened the game with a booming triple, made a three-point play and Junjun Cabatu, Tyrone Tang, Joseph Casio and Mac Cardona sizzled as the Archers trimmed the deficit to just 10, 73-63, 4:20 left.

But Fonacier and Bugia went to work again. Fonacier, who finished with 22 points after going 4 of 5 from the three-point area, converted two charities, and Bugia added an easy undergoal stab from a Fonacier pass which dimmed La Salle's hopes 82-65.

The win extended Ateneo's winning streak to five games after losing its first

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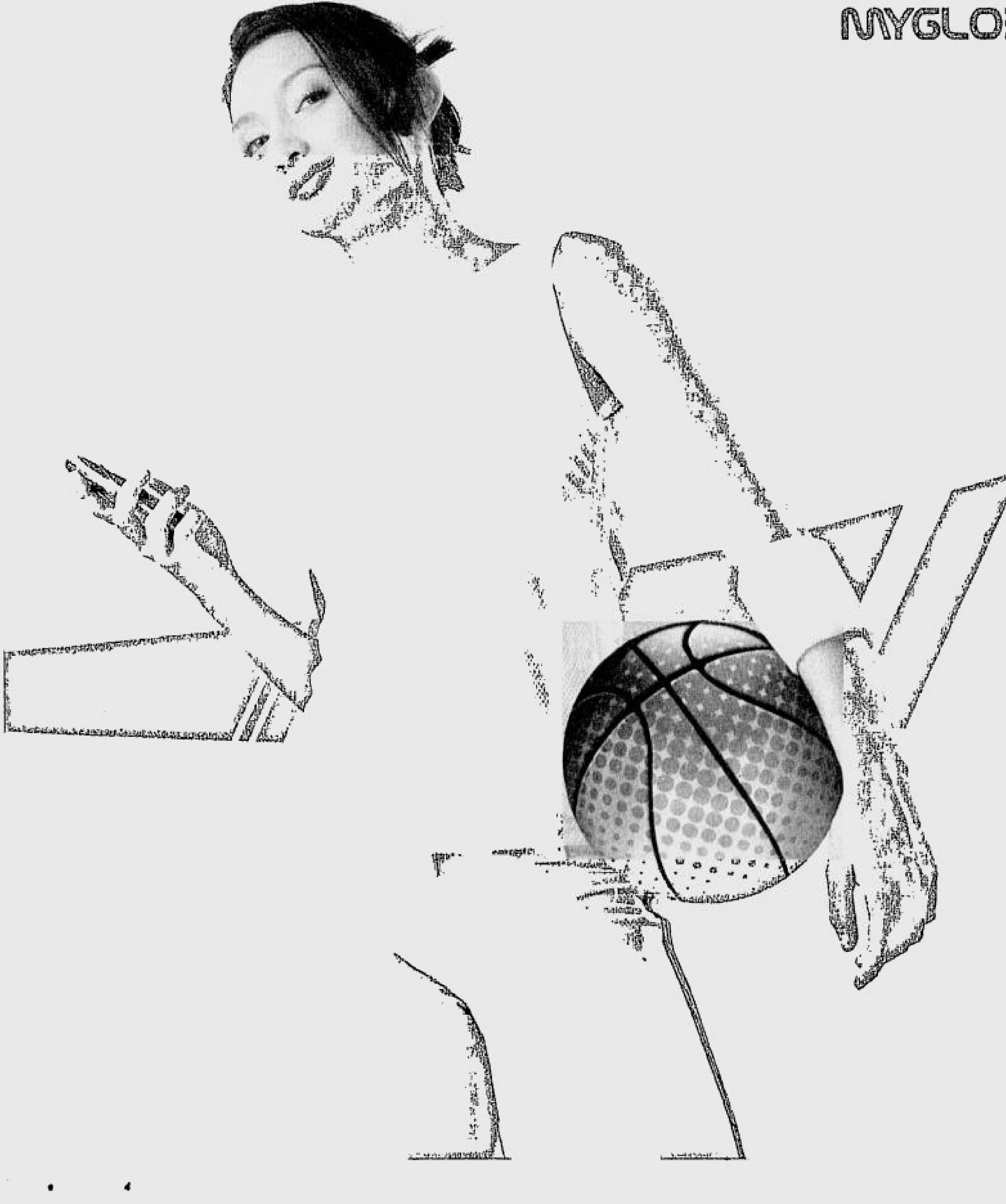

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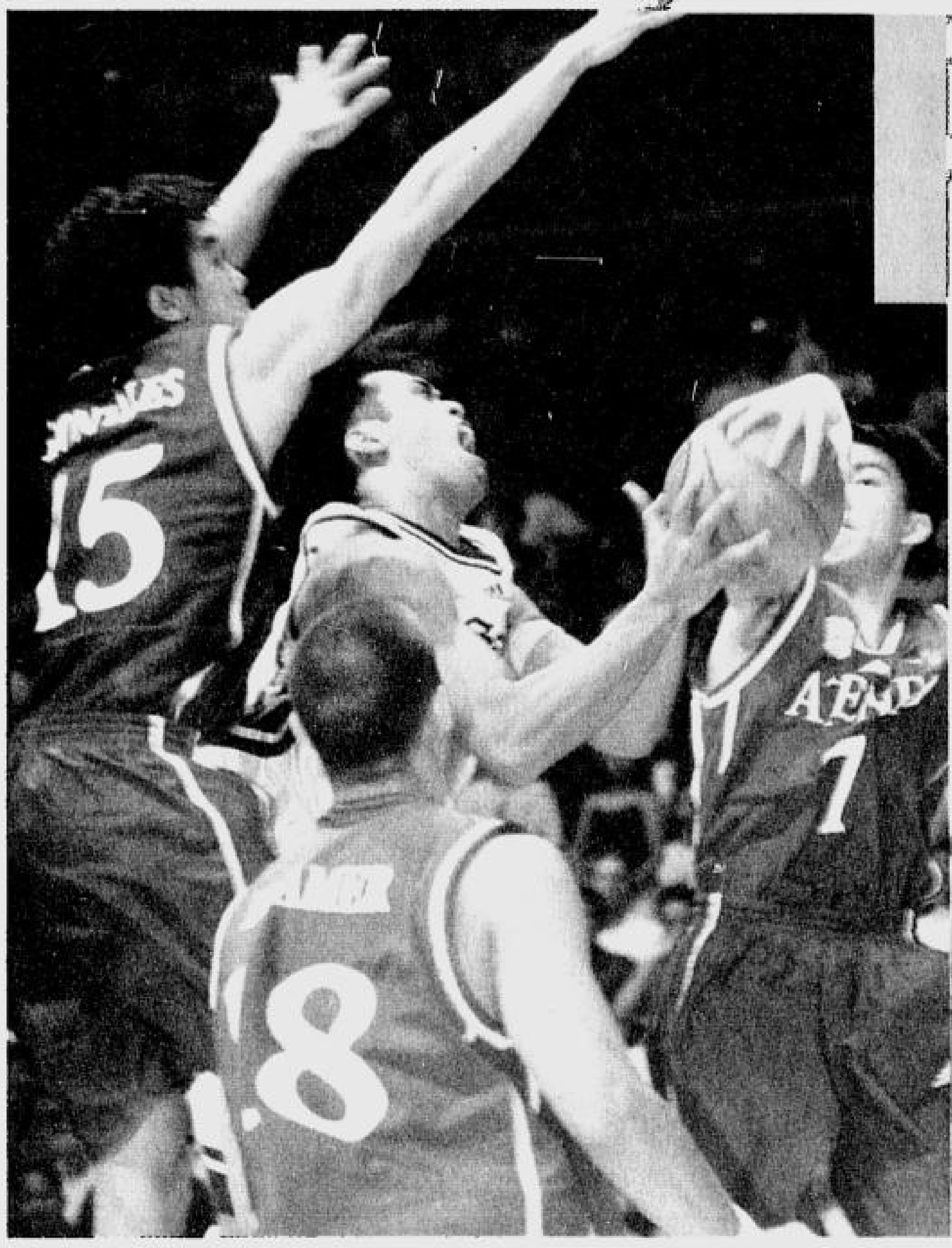

FULL COVERAGE: Jerwin Gaco of La Salle has his shot blocked by Ateneo's John Christopher Intal. AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

ROARING RIVALRY REVISITED

THE ELECTRICITY generated by the titanic matchup has always been intense, a one-of-a-kind treat in local collegiate caging. We see and hear the familiar: students—and alumni—in blues and greens queuing at the coliseum gates by the thousands; the streamers with irreverent exhortations; the eardrum-piercing cheering; galleries thick with alma mater pride; the do-or-die stance of players on both sides of the court. It has always been this way. Yesterday at the Araneta Coliseum, the fabled Ateneo-La Salle basketball rivalry roared again. And it was loud.

FIRST daughter Luli Arroyo (right) and friends cheer for Ateneo. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

THE ARANETAS and former Finance secretary Jose Pardo root for La Salle. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

LA SALLE fans have their face painted with their school initials.

Ateneo soars past La Salle; Far Eastern up

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two games. La Salle dropped to 4-2.

"It wasn't easy. The score did not tell the whole story," said Ateneo assistant coach Sandy Arespacochaga, who represented head coach Joel Banal during the post-game interview. "The players worked hard and we executed very well."

Ateneo team manager Chito Mosessgeld praised La Salle for its resiliency. It was a very good game. The Archers' fourth-quarter rally was a testament to their resiliency."

The Eagles frolicked in the face of the Archers' shaky defense, scoring 28 points alone in the first period.

Rich Alvarez groped for his points but shone in defense as Ateneo outrebounded La Salle, 42-33. The Eagles also made 8 of 16 shots from the three-point area.

Gonzales finished with 20 points. Tenorio contributed 15 and Bugia added 14.

Yeo led La Salle with 18 points while Cardona chipped in 12 in his return from a one-game suspension for disciplinary reasons.

Scores:

First Game

FEU 65—Miranda 11, Jones 10, Catli 9, Santos 7, Sinco 6, Rizada 6, Isip 5, Zablan 4, Yabut 4, Sierra 3, Chan 0, Razon 0.

UP 60—Robin 14, David 12, Carvantes 7. Cruz 7, Reyes 6. Bornancin 5, Ibañez 5, Buyco 2, Almeda 2, Epres 0. Ferrer 0,Tabique 0.

Quarters: 27-17, 33-27, 51-40, 65-60.

Second Game

ATENEO 82—Fonacier 22, Gonzales 20, Tenorio 15, Bugia 14, Kramer 4, Alvarez 4, Del Rosario 2, Escalona 1, Intal 0

LA SALLE 68—Yeo 18, Cardona 12, Arana 9, Cabatu 7, Ramos 7, Gaco 4, Tang 3, Casio 3, Benitez 3, Gatchalian 2, Gavino 0, Aquino 0

Quarters: 28-18, 50-36, 71-52, 82-68

SPORTS noodle

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In the news

A serving of 7 questions, from easiest to toughest, each with a corresponding point value. Can you score a perfect 100 (or, at least, beat the other 'sports genius/geniuses' beside you)?

1 > 3 Pts.

☐ True / ☐ False: World No.1 Annika Sorenstam claimed her sixth major and completed a career Grand Slam by winning the recent Women's British Open.

2 > 5 Pts.

After magnificently retaining his IBF super bantamweight title, Manny Pacquiao wants to move up to what weight division?

- ☐ Featherweight
- ☐ Lightweight

3 > 7 Pts.

Which European soccer club is currently on a sold-out Asia-wide promotional swing?

- ☐ Manchester United
- ☐ Juventus
- ☐ Real Madrid

4 > 10 Pts.

Which country is hosting the ongoing Pan American Games?

- ☐ Nicaragua
- ☐ Dominican Republic
- ☐ Cuba

5 > 20 Pts.

Mark Paragua won the XV Cannes Open International Chess in France by edging out on a tiebreak his fellow Filipino IM and longtime coach after both finished with 7 points. Who?

- ☐ Ronald Dableo
- ☐ Joseph Sanchez
- ☐ Enrico Sevillano
- ☐ Chito Garma

6 > 25 Pts.

Juan Pablo Montoya of Colombia ruled the crash-marred German Grand Prix in Hockenheim, Germany. How did local hero and reigning world champion Michael Schumacher place?

- ☐ Third
- ☐ Fifth
- ☐ Seventh
- ☐ Did not Finish

7 > 30 Pts.

Former world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson has filed for bankruptcy, effectively squandering $300 million he earned in a career wasted on a lavish spending spree that included $100,000 dollars on a rare what?

ANSWERS/ A26

Heed your conscience, repent

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

THE SENATE has done its job. Bravo! Its decision to declare Asi Taulava, Andy Seigle, Davonn Harp, Rudy Hatfield and Jon Ordonio as fake Fil-Ams is big deal. It did so because it found proof the "Failed Five" do not have enough proof to warrant their claim of being Fil-Ams.

I raise a glass to Sen. Robert Barbers and his fellow senators in his committee. Their milestone decision would go a long way in eradicating "Fil-Shams" in the PBA. I expect the entire Senate to back up Barbers' recommendation to deport Taulava & Co.

The decision was not haphazardly done.

Barbers spent time digging up records to prove his point. From barangay files to municipal registrars, from census statistics up to Catholic archives, Barbers found no link to claims that the "Failed Five" had roots, legal or otherwise, in the claimed land of their ancestors, if not their parents or grannies. Not even a thread of evidence had been unearthed to force Barbers to either change his mind or redo his investigation.

In short, there was no doubt Barbers was convinced that the documents of citizenship submitted by Taulava & Company were fake.

I like what Talk 'N Text owner Manny V. Pangilinan, who owns Taulava's playing rights, said when told of Barbers' report: "If Taulava is fake, then he is fake."

Very man enough of you to say that, MVP. Cheers!

Parallel to that, I admire the courage of Alaska owner Wilfred Steven Uytengsu, who immediately froze Ordonio upon learning of the news on Friday. That means he will not field in Ordonio in Alaska's succeeding games from here on. Here's a snappy salute, Freddie Boy.

Of course Pangilinan's statement and Uytengsu's action are premised on the fact that the Barbers' findings are true, or have a ring of truth to it, or that the "Failed Five" are indeed, fake Fil-Ams.

Let's break down Barbers' decision if only to get down to the meat of this benchmark case.

First, Barbers said he was recommending that the Bureau of Immigration hold summary deportation proceedings against the "Failed Five" because they are fake Fil-Ams.

Second, Barbers said the BI "was lax" when it declared the claim-to-citizenship documents submitted to the BI by Taulava & Co. as fool-proof.

In short, Barbers had two accusations: 1) That the "Failed Five" submitted fake documents to earn Filipino citizenship, and 2) That the BI did not do its job properly, paving the way for Taulava & Co. to earn clearance to acquire Filipino citizenship.

Now let's clarify the issue of citizenship.

It is not the BI that tells one if he is a Filipino or not, it is the Department of Justice. The BI merely accepts applications, evaluates them and then gives the documents to the Department of Justice for final disposition. In other words, the DOJ either grants or denies citizenship petitions.

Thus, the BI cannot just deport anyone suspected of being a fake Fil-Am, a fake Fil-Chinese, a fake Fil-Indian, or a fake Fil-Tongan. All of them are Filipinos until proven otherwise in a court of law.

Listen to BI Commissioner Andrea Domingo: "The proper procedure (in questioning the citizenship of the PBA's Fil-Am players) is to hear the cases of the players in a court of law."

That means someone has to hale the "Failed Five" to court.

By simple logic, the BI cannot file charges against Taulava & Co. because the BI itself has seen it fit to submit the players' documents to the DOJ. The DOJ, finding the papers in order (naturally), next granted Filipino citizenship to Taulava & Company.

Jojo Lastimosa, being the leader of the PBA Players Association, is the most logical person to file the charges against Taulava & Company. But, as I said here some months back, any citizen of this republic can file the charges. Also by the natural course of our law, the accuser can enlist the services of the solicitor general, the solgen being the government lawyer on matters of citizenship, as the issue directly deals with state security and the patrimony of the nation.

Citizenship is a serious matter. It is not like a toy balloon that you can just grab away from a kid and give it to another kid wailing uncontrollably to appease him. Citizenship gives you your person. Your whole life, legal or otherwise, is shaped by it. It gives you right of ownership, figuratively, to the country that has given you that. Voting. Socializing. Owning this or that.

That is why, as I had written here again some time ago, revoking one's citizenship is a long and tedious process. Perhaps, it will take years as the case can go all the way up to the Supreme Court. Appeals here, appeals there. The usual stuff. Only when the Court of Last Resort has declared the "Failed Five" as fake Fil-Ams can the DOJ order the BI to initiate deportation proceedings.

So, as I had said here a while back, taken at its face value, Barbers' decision was merely recommendatory. But be that as it may, Barbers must be praised to high heavens. To those accusing him of grandstanding, of using the report to butter up his image, to gun up his bid for the vice presidency in the May 2004 election, they can all go to hell. By doing what he did, Barbers has shown the spunk worthy of emulation by his colleagues. The Senate has finally found a redeeming factor in Barbers.

Now if only the "Failed Five," or anyone of them or even those next at bat, can have the will to kill the compunction and heed their conscience (if guilty they are), they'd better do it now. And fellas, do your repentance in private. Your penance has become public property. Scram now if you will, the way Alvarado and his ilk did only a while back, the way Dennis Still & Company did nearly two decades ago.

It won't be long before the long arm of the law catches you.

SPORTS TV

Compiled by L. Manguiat

TENNIS: Masters Montreal; 7 a.m. (r-9 p.m.) and 7 p.m.; Star Sports—It's down to the final four competitors north of the border in Canada.

GOLF: The International; 4 p.m. (r) and tomorrow at 3 a.m.; Star Sports—Witness the final 36 holes of this PGA event.

MOTOR SPORTS: Mobil 1 German Grand Prix Highlights; 11 p.m.; Star Sports—Check out the speed demons take the track with highlights of the most recent leg of the F1 season.

BASEBALL: Mariners vs Yankees; 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (r); ESPN—Seattle visits the Bronx to challenge New York in this AL encounter.

BASKETBALL: WNBA Action, 10 a.m. (r); ESPN—The women take center court in this half-hour show devoted to the WNBA.

Jazz vs Blazers, Game 5, 1992 Western Conference Finals; 11 a.m . Solar Sports—Utah and Portland tangle in this classic playoff duel in the west.

BILLIARDS: 2003 BCA Open 9-Ball Championships; 9 a.m.; ESPN—Catch the semifinals of this prestigious American tournament.

Rack 'Em Up 2; 1 p.m. (r); ESPN—It's an all-Asian duel as Django Bustamante pits his skills against Chin Shun Yang.

Lunas whips Thai challenger; Felisilda dethrones Lear by KO

By Salven L. Lagumbay

PAN Asia Boxing Association flyweight champion Rolly Lunas leaned on his superior skills to outclass Thai challenger Deeden Kengkarun and retain his title Friday night in the mainer of the "Bakbakan sa Mandaluyong" card at the Mandaluyong Coliseum.

A Bicolano from Tabaco City in Albay, Lunas knocked down Kengkarun in the third round and was never threatened in his first defense of the title he won over another Thai Khunsuk Lukprabat last year.

All three international judges saw Lunas winning by scores of 119-109, 120-107 and 119-108.

The win improved Lunas' record to 15 wins (8 KOs) against 2 losses and boosted his chances of barging into the top 10 of the World Boxing Association. Kengkarun's record dipped to 21-10-2.

In the night's most explosive fight, Alvin Felisilda of Bukidnon dethroned RP bantam champ Johnny Lear with a single shot to the body at the 1:28 mark of the 8th round.

Lear, boxing flawlessly from the first round, knocked down Felisilda in the sixth and seemed in full control of the fight before a sizeable crowd that included Games and Amusements Board Chairperson Eduardo Villanueva.

But Felisilda unleashed a deadly left upper cut to the body that fell Lear in the eighth. Lear stayed in the canvas for some 20 minutes before he was rushed to the Mandaluyong Medical Center, where he was later declared in fine shape.

Senator Robert Jaworski, who came with son Dodot, awarded the championship belt to Felisilda and later vowed to help uplift professional boxing in the country.

"This is what local boxing badly needs. We need a patron who will give all-out support to boxing," said promoter Jun Sarreal of Jaworski's promise to help the sport.

Troubled Asi not a factor as FedEx prevails

GAMES TODAY (*Cuneta Astrodome*)
4 p.m.—Yonsei U vs Fash-Novi Sad
6:30 p.m.—Alaska vs San Miguel

By June Navarro

ASI Taulava, his Filipino citizenship in jeopardy, played without fire as expected last night and the FedEx Express used the opportunity to escape with a 91-81 victory over the Talk 'N Text Phone Pals in the Samsung-PBA Invitational championship at the Cuneta Astrodome.

The 6-foot-9 Fil-Tongan came up with 11 points and 17 rebounds but visibly lacked the drive to power the Phone Pals to victory.

"Probably he's (Taulava) distracted. But with respect to the game, we really came out strong. We set the tempo early and made Asi work for his points," said FedEx coach Derrick Pumaren.

Two Senate committees had announced Thursday that Taulava and four other Fil-foreign players submitted fake documents to gain Filipino citizenship and recommended the summary deportation of the five.

But Talk 'N Text announced yesterday it had no plans of grounding Taulava, saying management is not pre-judging the case and he will be allowed to play until his guilt is proven.

For wrapping the Group A eliminations with a 3-1 slate, the Express thus advanced to the semifinals for the first time since the Bert Lina-owned franchise joined the league last year.

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Coca-Cola crushed Magnolia-Jilin Yi Qi of China,98-63, in the second game for its second win in three games.

Magnolia-Jilin bade the league adieu after dropping all of its four games in the single-round tournament with an average losing margin of at least 22 points.

The Tigers must beat the Cebuana Lhuiller RP Team on Wednesday to avoid complications and claim an outright semifinal slot in Group B.

The Phone Pals absorbed their first defeat after winning their first two games, sending them into a do-or-die tiff against unbeaten Red Bull Barako on Wednesday for the right to join the Express in the semis.

Talk 'N Text interim coach Ariel Vanguardia and his troops must beat the Thunder by at least eight points to enter the crossover semis trouble-free.

Scores:

First Game

FEDEX 91—Yap 17, Meneses 15, Ritualo 12, Codinera 11, Ferriols 8, Billones 8, Rodriguez 6, Arboleda 6, Ejercito 4, De Ocampo 4.

TALK 'N TEXT 81—Carey 20, Alapag 19, Taulava 11, Fran 8, Ravena 7, Pablo 7, Belano 7, Telan 2, Manalo 0.

Quarters: 28-17, 49-38, 66-62, 91-81.

Second Game

COCA-COLA 98—Cariaso 22, Morano 18, Hatfield 14, Wainwright 12, Chia 8, Reavis 8, Hugnatan 6, Juinio 6, Antonio 4, Bolado 0.

MAGNOLIA-JILIN 63—Li 19, Sun 10, Nie 7, Wang 7, Zhang 7, Li Aijun 5, Wang Shougiang 4, Zhao 2, Yin 2, Wang Yongbo 0.

Quarters: 34-21, 63-34, 77-47, 98-83.

MAGNOLIA-Jilin's Yue Yin drives past Rudy Hatfield of Coca Cola in last night's game won by the Tigers. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Players group to file charges vs 5 Fil-shams

By June Navarro

ASI Taulava will continue to play for Talk 'N Text even as the PBA Players Association vowed to file charges against him and the four other Fil-foreign players found by the Senate to have faked their citizenship to gain entry in the pro league.

While the Phone Pals' management does not question the Senate findings, Ricky Vargas, Talk 'N Text representative to the PBA board, said yesterday the team will not pre-judge Taulava's case.

"We will continue to allow him to play under the full presumption of innocence (until proven otherwise)," said Vargas.

"We will assist Asi in defense of his citizenship within the bounds of the law. Unless a court of competent jurisdiction determines otherwise, we will continue to support Asi and his fight to uphold his rights as a Filipino citizen," Vargas added.

The Senate committees on games, amusements and sports chaired by Sen. Robert Barbers and constitutional amendments, revision of codes and laws headed by Sen. Edgardo Angara had recommended summary deportations for Taulava, Rudy Hatfield of Coca-Cola, Andy Seigle of Purefoods, Davonn Harp of Red Bull and Jon Ordonio of Alaska for passing themselves off as Filipinos with spurious documents.

The recommendation will be presented for approval during a Senate plenary session tomorrow and a favorable verdict will be the cue for the PBA Players Association led by former star Jojo Lastimosa and Alvin Patrimonio of Purefoods to file charges against the so-called "Fil-shams."

"If they have to file anything with the Department of Justice or the courts, we just have to face them," said Talk 'N Text manager Frankie Lim, adding the players should be given due process.

"I believe the Senate inquiry was done only in aid of legislation so it has no probative value and it's not conclusive," said Lim.

He also took a swipe at Alaska team owner Wilfred Uytengsu, who commented on the embarrassment teams could experience once they win a championship with a "Fil-sham" in their line-ups.

"It's very sad to hear something like that from him. First of all, he's American. Although his father is a Filipino, he holds an American passport," said Lim. "He's an American doing business in the Philippines."

Lim, who spent most of his PBA career playing for Alaska in the '90s, added it was ironic that Uytengsu talked about "Fil-shams" when the Aces have employed the services of at least nine Fil-Ams.

"And to top it all, he has an American coach (Tim Cone)," Lim said.

Uytengsu has placed Ordonio on the reserve list after the Senate recommendation came out Thursday, fearing that the Aces would be slapped a half-a-million-peso fine per game if they continue to use the player.

However, commissioner Noli Eala said the other day that such policy is no longer being enforced.

'An injustice anywhere is an injustice everywhere'

NEW YORK—The Fox television network acknowledged Friday that it edited out part of a Kobe Bryant speech that was an apparent veiled reference to the Los Angeles Lakers star's indictment on a rape charge in Colorado.

In an acceptance speech at the Teen Choice Awards this week, Bryant said, "An injustice anywhere is an injustice everywhere," which was edited out of the broadcast version, network spokesperson Scott Grogin said.

"Fox's broadcast standards department felt the remark was not germane to accepting an award for his sports exploits," he said.

The Teen Choice Awards, taped last week, was aired Wednesday, the same day Bryant appeared in an Eagle, Colorado, court on a charge he raped a 19-year-old woman staff of an exclusive mountain resort lodge.

The hearing, at which the NBA star, through his lawyer, waived his right to hear the single charge of felony sexual assault read to him in court, lasted less than 10 minutes. He was not asked to enter a plea.

BRYANT

Bryant concedes he had sex with the woman last June 30 but contends it was consensual.

Judge Frederick Gannett set the preliminary hearing to Oct. 9.

If convicted, Bryant faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine of up to $750,000. He is free on $25,000 bond.

The case has been the subject of widespread speculation about Bryant's accuser, a college student who worked at the front desk of the Lodge & Spa at Cordillera in nearby Edwards. Bryant was in Colorado to have knee surgery in nearby Vail.

The judge asked the county sheriff to investigate whether law enforcement officials were leaking details to reporters in a case he said he was drawing "extraordinary" media coverage.

The media circus Wednesday included hundreds of reporters and photographers who swamped the courthouse grounds before the hearing. *AFP*

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Real Madrid draws 30,000 Thais to training session

BANGKOK—Some 30,000 Thai fans turned out Saturday to watch Spanish giants Real Madrid train at Bangkok's Rajamangala stadium ahead of their friendly game against the Thai national side.

The all-star team flew in from Hong Kong where they posted a handy 4-2 victory over a Hong Kong XI.

If they prevail over the Thai side it will make for a four-nil clean sweep on their tour of Asia, which has also taken in China and Japan.

Brazilian defender Roberto Carlos said that he hoped the match, part of a campaign by the Spanish team to raise its profile in Asia, would be a winner with Thai fans who have already made it a sell-out affair.

"I hope Thai fans will enjoy and be impressed by the match tomorrow," he told a press conference ahead of Sunday's game at the 50,000-seat Rajamangala stadium.

Fellow superstar Luis Figo said the Asian tour had been a learning experience for the players.

"We had new experiences, we learnt about new cultures . . . and new football tactics," he said. "Asian players have a different style to the Europeans so it was useful for us to bring these tactics to improve our game." Carlos insisted the players were happy to be joined by the newly-signed David Beckham, England captain and football's pin-up boy.

"Beckham is one of the world's best players. We are glad he's joining us and everybody in the team is happy to play with him," he said.

On their arrival in Bangkok, the players were greeted by 400 screaming fans when they reached their hotel, where they were garlanded with flowers.

Security for the team and the match is extremely tight, with two police assigned as bodyguards to each of the players.

Police said a total of 1,200 officers will be deployed to ensure the 37-hour visit goes off without a hitch.

They said they were anxious to avoid a glitch which allowed a fan to invade the pitch during last month's tour by English Premier League team Liverpool. *AFP*

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Montoya poised to pass Schumacher

BMW Williams driver Montoya shows a double thumbs up after winning the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim. Montoya won the race ahead of Scottish McLaren Mercedes driver David Coulthard and Renault's Jarno Trulli. REUTERS

BOGOTA, Colombia—Juan Pablo Montoya is coming up fast in Michael Schumacher's rearview mirror.

Just one month ago, the Formula One driver from Colombia was 17 points and in fourth place behind Schumacher in the drivers' standings after taking second place in the French Grand Prix.

Today, after winning the German Grand Prix last Sunday, Montoya is second in the race for the world championship, just six points behind five-time world champion Schumacher and eager to overtake him.

"The main focus is to have a race and get out of there with as many points as possible," Montoya said. "Every point that I can take off Michael is a point that I'm closer to beating him."

Montoya knows from bitter experience that potential pitfalls can make him one of many also-rans. In his third season as a Formula One driver, he has experienced many setbacks including pit-stop delays and engine burnouts that robbed him of possible victory. But the former Indianapolis 500 winner and CART champion is now in high gear.

The victory at Hockenheim, Germany, was his second of the season. He has finished in the top three positions in seven of this season's 12 races run thus far.

Four races remain, and he could overcome Schumacher at the top of the standings in the next contest: the Hungarian Grand Prix on Aug. 24, featuring a demanding tight and twisty circuit.

Montoya knows Schumacher is capable of desperate moves to seek the title. In 1997, Montoya was a spectator at the Spanish Grand Prix—the season's last race—when Schumacher rammed Jacques Villeneuve, who was the German's contender for the drivers' championship.

Schumacher wound up spinning out of the track. Villeneuve went on to finish, clinching the drivers' title.

FIA, Formula One's governing body, ruled the collision was deliberate and sanctioned Schumacher.

Montoya, however, doubts there will be a repeat performance of dirty play this season, no matter how tight the battle for the championship gets.

"I don't think it will go down that way," Montoya said in the interview. "I think whoever does the best job in the last four races should win the championship."

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2. A. Environmental Charge (EC)
10% of Water Charge

B. Sewerage Charge (SC)
50% of the Water Charge for all customers connected to the MWCI sewerlines

3. Maintenance Service Charge (MSC)

Meter Size	Amount (Peso/conn)
1/2" or 13mm	1.50
3/4" or 20mm	2.00
1" or 25mm	3.00

Meter Size	Amount (Peso/conn
11/4" or 40mm	4.00
2" or 50mm	8.00
3" or 75mm	10.00

Meter Size	Amount (Peso/conn)
4" or 100 mm	20.00
6" or 150 mm	35.00
8" or 200 mm	50.00

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The Monthly Bill is the sum of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

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Manila Water

Notice to its Customers

Background on the Foreign Currency Differential Adjustment (FCDA)

- Effective August 25, 2003, a 1.26% FCDA will be added to the Basic Charge.
- FCDA is a tariff mechanism used by utility companies that is adjusted upwards to recover losses if the Peso depreciates and adjusted downwards if the Peso appreciates against the US dollar.
- Manila Water has to continue paying for the foreign exchange-denominated Concession Fees to the MWSS, as well as loans required for its service expansion and improvement.
- The Manila Water's basic rate implemented in January 2003 was computed based on the foreign exchange rate of P51.86 per US$ which was the prevailing rate during the last quarter of 2002.
- The FCDA should be adjusted quarterly and should have been implemented last April 2003.
- This 1.26% FCDA was based on the foreign exchange rate of P52.51 prevailing during the second quarter.

Minimal impact to customers

- The 1.26% FCDA is equivalent to an average increase of P0.13 per cubic meter. As a result of our socialized pricing structure, 70% of our customers will be paying an additional P0.08 per day or P2.85 per month.
- The Manila Water rate continues to be substantially lower than most regional water rates as well as projected rates if there were no privatization.

Continuing commitment to invest more to improve service

- Over the past 5 years, Manila Water has provided water service to more than 1 million people, more than half a million of whom belong to the low income bracket.

- In the next 5 years, Manila Water will provide water to an additional one million population, half of whom also belong to the low-income population.

- Manila Water will invest more than P15 billion in the next 5 years to expand and improve service

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SPORTSWATCH

Ateneo to host national arnis

OVER 300 athletes from all over the country are expected to participate in the 2003 Ateneo Arnis Invitational Tournament. The Ateneo Arnis Association will host the event in cooperation with Arnis Philippines Inc. (Arpi) and the Loyola Schools Physical Education Department. The tournament will be open to players ages 8 and above, with novice and experienced competitions for 8-12, 13-17 and 18 years and up. Tournament director is Richard Gialogo. For inquiries, contact Jon Lota at the Arpi National Secretariat at 725-9487.

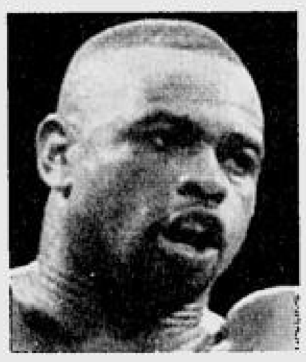
Tuason High gains football final

TAGUM CITY—Reigning titlist Jose Tuason National High and Davao National High beat their rivals yesterday to arrange a showdown for the Davao Norte crown in the 20th Coke Go for Goal under-16 football tournament at the Gov. Rodolfo del Rosario turf here. Julkair Sakurat knocked in two goals as the Tuason boys blanked Tagum National High, 4-0, while 15-year-old Arjun Nedvelan scored a "golden goal" in the 98th minute to lift the Davao squad over Sto. Tomas National High, 3-2. Nedvelan's winning marker was actually his third in the contest. He broke the ice in the 19th minute and then came back with a short tap to the goal in the 29th after Sto. Tomas forward Roberto Comoso had tied the count. Berlandino Belonio Jr. headed the ball into the net in the 67th minute to level the match and pave the way for the extra time. Nedvelan took advantage of Sto. Tomas fullback Joselito Canizales' error to seal the match. Mark Joseph Malic and Rogelio Conde produced the two other Tuason High goals. Over in Mabini, Compostela Valley, defending champion Maco National High and newcomer Pindasan National High downed their opponents to move into the finals. Maco routed Anialagan National High, 5-0, while Pindasan blanked Mabini National High, 2-0.

Guya still on top in Peace chess

TYRONE Guya remained on top in the Elite section while DepEd's Ramil Acosta emerged as the new leader in the Classic section after the recent fifth leg of the 2003 Philippine Executive Active Chess Express (Peace 2003). Guya, an actuarial practitioner, boosted his total to 83 points, four ahead of defending champion Jenny Mayorgoing into the sixth leg on August 30 at the Land Bank Plaza in Malate, Manila. Physical therapist Ryan Ruiz is third with 66 points, lawyer Quirino Sagario is fourth with 62, Noel Garcia is fifth with 56. Acosta has 78 points in the Classic section. Sharing second place with 64 points each are Rey Reyes and Richard Villaseran. The rest of the top ten: Rolando Gangozo (62), Raul Villate (58), Christopher Castellano (53), Adler Enriquez (45), Orlando Pascual (43), Jericho Bragado (40); and Abraham Dalagan, James Infiesto and Juan Rojano with 36 points each.

Jones to fight Sanders in November



JONES

WAYNE, New Jersey—Roy Jones wanted Evander Holyfield, Mike Tyson or Lennox Lewis, but will settle for Corrie Sanders. Jones' promoter, Murad Muhammad, announced Friday that the World Boxing Association heavyweight champion has agreed to a fight with Sanders. It is tentatively scheduled for November 8 in Las Vegas. Sanders, a quick southpaw from South Africa, will not be an easy opponent. He surprised the boxing world in March when he beat top contender Vladimir Klitschko in two rounds. "When Sanders knocked out Klitschko, Roy said, 'Go get him,'" Muhammad said. "We worked on a Holyfield fight and it fell through. We worked on Tyson and it fell through. We wanted Lennox Lewis, but he's not fighting. We have a man who knocked out Klitschko ... so you know he's a puncher and a bona fide heavyweight." In March, Jones (48-1, 38 KO) became the second light heavyweight champ to win a share of the heavyweight crown, beating John Ruiz. The 34-year-old Jones has won 13 straight fights since his only loss, a controversial disqualification against Montell Griffin in March 1997. Jones avenged that decision by knocking out Griffin three months later and has not been tested since. The 37-year-old Sanders (39-2, 29 KO) is quicker and more powerful than Ruiz. His only losses were knockout defeats against Hasim Rahman in 2000 and Nate Tubbs in 1994. *AFP*

Los Borrachos tops 2nd division

THE LOS Borrachos football club came back strong in the second half to stun Nomads FC, 4-3, and capture the Lupoy-GNC 2nd Division Cup held recently at the Nomad Sports Club. Down 0-2 at the break, the Borrachos were finally roused by Coach Denden Buzon's stirring words and returned to the pitch with new vigor. Three goals in a span of 15 minutes—Harold Lorenzo's goal mouth volley, his deflected shot off a Nomads defender and Bong Quiambao's individual effort—gave the Mizuno-sponsored Borrachos a 3-2 lead with 15 minutes to go. Nomads evened on a strike by Steve Dolan, but Borrachos' Gary Ravano broke through in the 85th minute for the marginal goal that gave Borrachos its first title this year. As the final whistle blew, the Borrachos faithful went on a frenzy, including Mizuno marketing officer Iris Ortega. "At 2-0, the whole squad must have thought it was the end of the game. It was hard to envisage a Borrachos comeback. We're generally very disappointed with the result and the performance," said Nomads head coach Andy Yates.

Coronation day for Coseteng

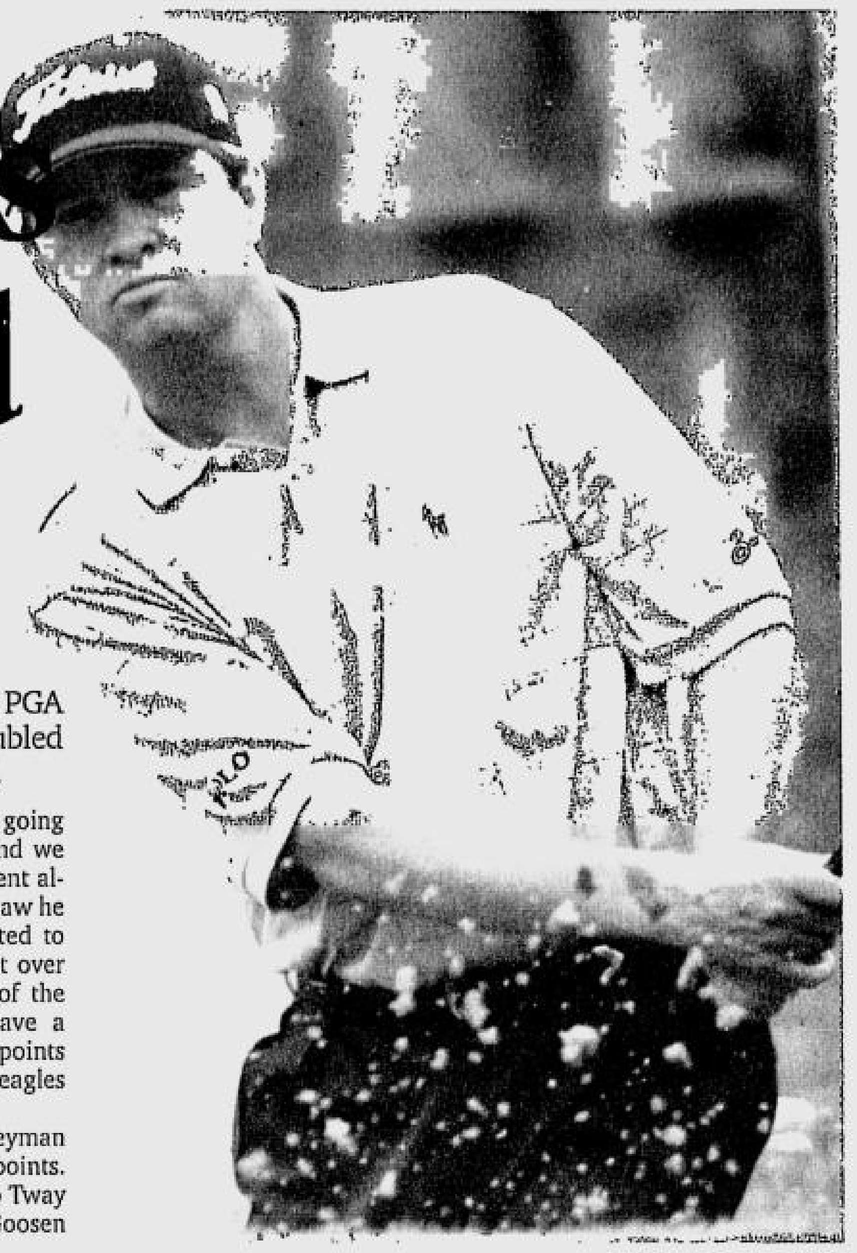
JODY Coseteng puts the finishing touches to another successful campaign when the 13th and 14th rounds of the SVI-Petron Grand Prix is held today at the Subic International Raceway. A mainstay of Red Horse-San Miguel-Caltex Racing Team, Coseteng can afford to skip the final two races and still win the overall title in the centerpiece Blaze super saloon category with one of the biggest winning margins since the formal revival of circuit racing in the country in1994. But the 41-year old campaigner from Quezon City, who also won the overall titles in 1995, 1996 and 2002, vowed to close out his campaign on a high note and underscore his billing as the country's winningest competition driver. Overall, Coseteng has a 12-round aggregate of 93 points based on the 10-6-4-3-2-1 scoring system used by the organizing Sports Values, Inc. (SVI). Coseteng's closest rivals, Kookie Ramirez of Petron-SRA and Miek Anton of Red Bull-Auto Options – are too far behind to pose a threat. Ramirez, one of four sons of race legend and SVI president Pocholo Ramirez, has 53 points. while Anton has 49. Rounding out the top five drivers are Louie Ramirez of Petron-SRA with 44 points and Francis Godinez of Add Research with 28 poitns. In the SVI Challenge Cup, Gabby de la Merced of Petron-Auto Solutions and Oscar Aguilar of Caltex will dispute the title in the final two races. De la Merced and Aguilar both have 59 points. Dominic Bon of SRA is third with 40 points.

RP youth lifter fails to make age limit

BALI, Indonesia—The Philippines was left with no representative in the 5th Asian Youth (Boys & Girls) Weightlifting Championships here following the disqualification of Jaymark Perez. The 16-year-old Perez, supposed to be entered in the 56-kg category, did not qualify after the Asian Weightlifting Federation lowered the age limit of the youth joust to 15 from the original 16. Perez was instead entered in the 16th Asian Junior Men's Championships, a 20-under tournament slated to begin Saturday. The Filipinos will also be represented by Southeast Asian Games-bound Richard Pepagusto and Jomar Vafoloreyes in the men's side of the junior meet, and by Cebuanas Elma Bacaro and Annie Revillas in the women's play. Host Indonesia banked on the fiery performances of its girls team to dominate the 5th Asian Youth (Boys and Girls) Weightlifting Championships Friday at the Gand Bali Beach Hotel. The Indonesian girls collected 9 gold medals as the hosts raked in 15 gold medals, eight silvers and three bronzes in the four-day competition for weightlifters no older than 15. Chinese Taipei wound up second overall with a take of 10 golds, seven silvers and 10 bronzes while Kazakhstan was a notch down with 8-4-2.

RUNAWAY LEADER

Love soars on record 3 eagles



LOVE plays a shot from the bunker on the 14th. He salvaged par. REUTERS

CASTLE ROCK, Colorado—Davis Love III tied a PGA Tour record with three eagles Friday and doubled his lead after two rounds of The International.

Love, who was in front by five points after the opening round, had 17 points in the second round for a 36-hole total of 36 under the modified Stableford scoring system used in this event.

That was good for a 10-point lead over John Rollins, whose 15-point round gave him 26. Phil Mickelson was at 22.

Asked if he has ever had consecutive rounds like these, Love said, "I don't think so. These are two pretty incredible back-to-back rounds. Everything is going just right."

He eagled three—each worth 5 points—in his first 10 holes—and threatened to run away with the tournament at Castle Pines Golf Club.

During his morning round, Love increased his lead to as many as 25 points, and when he finished his round he had a 17-point cushion.

"Davis is doing something unbelievable," said Sergio Garcia, who had 10 points. "We're pretty much playing for second at the moment."

But that was before Rollins began chipping away at the lead.

"It looked like Davis was going to have 40-some points, and we figured it was his tournament already," Rollins said. "But I saw he was only at 36 and I started to make some birdies and got over the 20 mark. At the end of the day, now I feel like I have a chance.""In this format, 10 points is nothing. You make two eagles and you're tied."

Vijay Singh and journeyman Kent Jones each had 19 points. Charles Howell III and Bob Tway each had 18 and Retief Goosen had 17.

The scoring system gives players 8 points for a double eagle, 5 points for an eagle, 2 points for birdie, zero for par, minus-1 for bogey and minus-3 for double bogey or worse.

Rich Beem won last year with a four-round total of 44 points, including 19 on Sunday.

He failed to make the cut this year, however, finishing at minus-5.

Three eagles in a round ties the PGA Tour record, accomplished 12 times previously—most recently in 2001 by Mathew Goggin in the Invensys Classic at Las Vegas. Love was one of the previous record-holders, doing it in the Hawaiian Open in 1994.

It's the first time a player has posted three eagles in a round of this 18-year-old tournament. Love's point total was also a 36-hole record for the event.

"Yesterday, I was talking about making 10 birdies and no eagles," Love said, "and today I got all the eagles. On our first nine, Greg (Norman) was laughing at me, how many putts I was making. Then I started hitting them close and didn't have to putt."

Starting at No. 10, Love birdied the 10th and 12th holes with 20- and 15-foot putts. He then reached the par-5, 623-yard 14th in two and made a 30-foot putt for eagle.

After missing the green at No. 16 and taking bogey, he eagled the par-5 17th, hitting a 4-iron to 6 inches.

He added another eagle at the 644-yard first hole, firing a 3-iron to 8 feet. A 6-foot birdie putt followed at No. 2. At that point he had 39 points, and his next closest pursuers had 14. *AP*

HOUSTON Astros third baseman Morgan Ensberg dives for a hit by Montreal Expos' Orlando Cabrera in the first inning Friday. The Astros won, 5-1. AP

Johnson 'slam' powers Yankees

NEW YORK—Nick Johnson's grand slam homer proved to be the difference between the teams as the New York Yankees edged the Seattle Mariners 9-7 in a clash of division leaders in American League play on Friday.

Johnson took loser Ryan Franklin (8-10) deep in the sixth, then singled in his next turn at bat to plate another run and give him five RBI on the night.

Sterling Hitchcock (1-2) worked 1 1/3 innings in relief of enigmatic Jeff Weaver to notch the victory.

Jeff Nelson also impressed in relief, striking out all three Mariners he faced.

A former Yankee, he began the week with Seattle, but was deemed expendable after he blasted the club for sitting still at the trade deadline.

In Chicago, Mark Mulder (15-8) was denied in his bid for his league-leading 16th win, as the Oakland Athletics fell 3-2 to the in-form White Sox.

Mark Buehrle (10-11) went all the way to notch the victory, scattering five hits while striking out six.

He retired 17 of the last 19 batters he faced.

Magglio Ordonez had three hits, including a homer, for the White Sox, who have gone 16-5 since the All-Star break.

In Boston, a seven-run seventh inning gave the Baltimore Orioles a 10-4 victory over the Red Sox in the opener of a day-night doubleheader, snapping the Sox's four-game winning streak.

The O's then rode a four-run second inning to a 4-2 win over Boston in the nightcap.

Luis Matos's double off Derek Lowe (11-6) plated the first of the seven seventh-inning runs in the opener.

Rick Helling (7-8) worked six innings for the win, scattering nine hits, including homers to Nomar Garciaparra, Trot Nixon and Doug Mirabelli.

Matos's three-run double off Casey Fossum (5-5) proved the difference in the second game. *Reuters*

Montgomery humiliated in London 100

LONDON—World record holder Tim Montgomery's prospects of winning the world 100 meters title in Paris this month suffered a further blow when he failed to qualify for the London grand prix final on Friday.

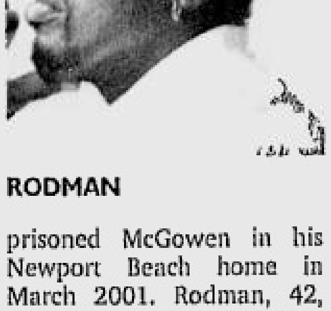
The final, which included all the other world title medal contenders except champion Maurice Greene, was won by Britain's Dwain Chambers in farcical circumstances.

Montgomery, who was sixth in Stockholm on Tuesday, had a dismal start in his heat when he slipped in the blocks and was left trailing by the rest of the field.

The 28-year-old made up some ground in the middle of the race but finished sixth in 10.13. Commonwealth champion Kim Collins won the heat in 9.97 seconds.

When asked whether he was still going to the world championships, Montgomery said: "I've got to make a decision now but we're seeing some progress." *Reuters*

Jury takes Rodman's side in civil sexual assault case



RODMAN

SANTA ANA, California—A jury in a civil trial issued divided decisions Friday in rejecting a woman's claim that former NBA star Dennis Rodman sexually assaulted her.

The panel voted 10-2 that Rodman did not sexually batter or inflict emotional distress on Jo Len Ann McGowen. It also held 9-3 that McGowen was not assaulted. The jury voted unanimously to reject McGowen's claims of false imprisonment and battery.

McGowen's attorney, Marcus Mancini, said he would appeal the verdict. He claimed evidence was allowed into the trial that had been excluded by the judge.

The suit alleged that Rodman drugged, raped and imprisoned McGowen in his Newport Beach home in March 2001. Rodman, 42, has been sued at least twice in the past for allegedly assaulting women.

McGowen, 39, alleged that she met Rodman at a Newport Beach restaurant that he co-owns and he gave her a beer laced with a narcotic. She claimed that Rodman then took her to his nearby home and raped her.

No criminal charges were ever filed against Rodman.

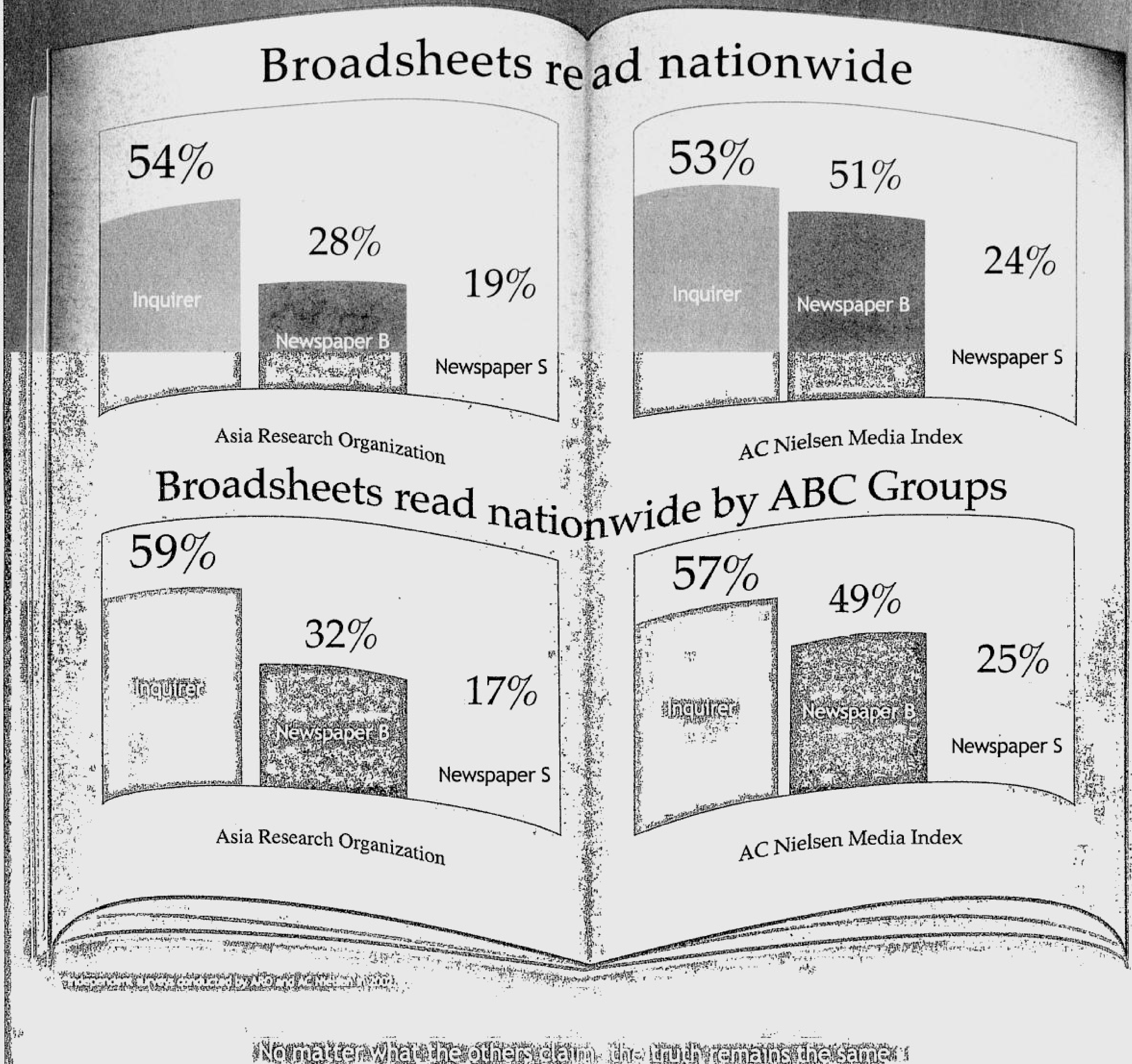
Rodman's attorney, John McKay, said the lawsuit was brought because his client is a celebrity.

"I do think he gets a lot of bad press," McKay said. "A lot of it is undeserved, and I think this is a very positive reaction."

Former Playboy model Tina New filed a $10 million lawsuit against Rodman alleging that he sexually assaulted her four years ago at his home.

The suit was recently settled out of court. *AP*

Different surveys.*
Same result.



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Federer fights on as Agassi agonizes

MONTREAL—German eighth seed Rainer Schuettler battled to a revenge win over Andre Agassi as he rallied from a set down to beat the world number one, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, in the quarterfinals of the Montreal Masters on Friday.

In Saturday's semifinals, Schuettler lines up against Argentina's David Nalbandian who eased to a 6-4 6-4 victory over Spain's Feliciano Lopez in a night match.

The pair joined Roger Federer and Andy Roddick in the last four, who earlier recorded straight-set victories to set up an intriguing contest between two of the sport's most popular young players.

In a rematch of the Australian Open final, Schuettler was able to turn the tables on Agassi and resisted the American's baseline assaults with brilliant cross-court passing shots.

After a poor opening set, Schuettler picked up his level of play in the second to take his first ever set off Agassi for the loss of just two games.

Inspired by his success, the 27-year-old German sent Agassi scurrying around the court in the third set, which he closed out for an upset victory.

"He made some mistakes but I think I played very well," Schuettler said.

Agassi had crushed Shuettler in three quick sets in their last meeting in Australia to claim his eighth grand slam title, but he felt powerless on Friday.

Agassi, who is the top seed of the Cincinnati Masters next week, announced that he was pulling out of the event after his defeat to Schuettler.

Federer breezed past doubles partner Max Mirnyi, 6-2, 7-6, to set up a Wimbledon rematch against Roddick.

The third seeded Swiss played flawless tennis against his Belarussian opponent, who never came close to breaking the Wimbledon champion's serve.

To mark his 22nd birthday, Federer received a racket-shaped cake from tournament organizers after notching his 57th win of the season. *Reuters*

BIRTHDAY boy Federer ousts Max Mirnyi in the quarterfinals. AP

Clijsters dispatches another Russian

CARSON, California—The talented Russian teenagers keep coming, and Kim Clijsters sends them away with punishing ground strokes and post-victory kisses on each cheek.

Clijsters defeated Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-3, 6-1 in the quarterfinals of the JPMorgan Chase Open on Friday, putting the Belgian two victories away from overtaking injured Serena Williams as the world's top-ranked woman.

Clijsters outlasted Maria Sharapova 6-4, 1-6, 6-1 Thursday, then pronounced the 16-year-old Russian "an incredible player. She can go all the way. It's just a matter of being consistent."

That wasn't a problem for Clijsters, who won nine straight games over the first and second sets to put away Kuznetsova, an 18-year-old best known as Martina Navratilova's doubles partner.

"Kim plays so consistently, which makes it so hard to play her," Kuznetsova said. "She's one of the best players because of that. Other players aren't as consistent. They go up and down, but Kim doesn't do that."

The top-seeded Clijsters advanced to Saturday's semifinals against No. 16 Francesca Schiavone of Italy, who beat qualifier Nicole Pratt 6-2, 6-3. Clijsters will become No. 1 for the first time in her career if she wins the tournament.

The other semifinal will be No. 2-seeded Lindsay Davenport vs. No. 4 Ai Sugiyama. Davenport beat No. 8 Amanda Coetzer 6-2, 6-4 at night in front of 1,943 people in the 8,000-seat stadium court. Sugiyama topped No. 6 Magdalena Maleeva 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. *AP*

Juvenile attraction

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

WHEN the first leg of the Juvenile Colts Stakes gets going this afternoon, all eyes will be glued on the highly fancied bay galloper Don Paolo.

Many are predicting that this Medium Cool-Vice Royal progeny will be the runner to watch in the coming juvenile battles.

"*Malamang 'yan ang susunod na magiging* track superstar (Perhaps he'll become the next track superstar)," commented a trainer as he watched Don Paolo breeze by onlookers at the Santa Ana track during a recent workout.

If you remember, Don Paolo was the subject of a recent protest by some horseowners who claimed he was ineligible to compete in the sweepstakes for being "overaged."

But Don Paolo's handlers, led by sportsman-businessman Rudy Mendoza, were able to prove that the colt is indeed two years old, paving the way for his debut last July 27.

And so under a driving rain on that very same day when a band of young military officers had taken over the Oakwood in Makati, Don Paolo staged a coup of his own, outclassing his three rivals in the sweepstakes at Santa Ana.

Star jockey Pat Dilema never really asked Don Paolo for the juice in that race and to borrow a favorite line by caller Ira "Mr. 3 and 50 to Travel" Herrera, Don Paolo was in "double wrap" from start to finish.

Today in the ninth race, the *bayang karerista* will find out if Don Paolo can hurdle his first big test against eight other 2-year-old candidates vying for the P600,000 top prize.

Among the challengers, tipsters are picking Vindicated, Stallone and the coupled bets Last Hazm/Nothing to Declare to crowd Don Paolo whose listed owner is none other than Rudy's son, basketball star Paolo Mendoza.

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Here's a request from letter sender Mario San Mateo of Bagombong, Caloocan City to Philippine Racing Club officials:

"Please allow Mr. Ira Herrera to call races 6 and 9 on Sunday, Aug. 10.

Being the day's two most important events, those races should be called by Mr. Herrera who would surely make them livelier and more exciting to listen to.

If the one they call the "Living Dead" ooopps . . . the "Living Legend". . . would call those races, I'd rather watch them sans the volume.

I know most of my fellow *kareristas* out there also resent the way that lousy announcer who is also known as "Kuya Cesar" call the races.

Nakakatamad kasi pakinggan. Madalas nagbabakbakan na ang lamya lamya pa rin ng tawag ng announcer *na ito*.

And by the way, how come his fellow announcers except maybe Mr. Herrera had the guts to call him the "Living Legend?" Kung "Living Dead" o "Lousy Legend" *pwede pa siguro*.

Thank you very much and more power to you and your widely read One Winner column.

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Sultans of Slam coming to town

THE SLAM dunk is probably the most spectacular act in basketball. The most spectacular dunk artists are those who do the most unthinkable in mid-air—they are from France and they are coming over to the Philippines to thrill hoop fans with never-before-seen dunks on court. Welcome the Slam Nation!

Composed of seven French and African high-leapers, the Slam Nation will arrive in Manila on Aug. 12 to perform their repertoire of amazing slams during the National Finals of the Nike Battleground Asia next Sunday, Aug. 17, at the Carousel Court of the Festival Supermall in Alabang. They will also have a sneak preview performance at the halftime of a PBA game on Aug. 15.

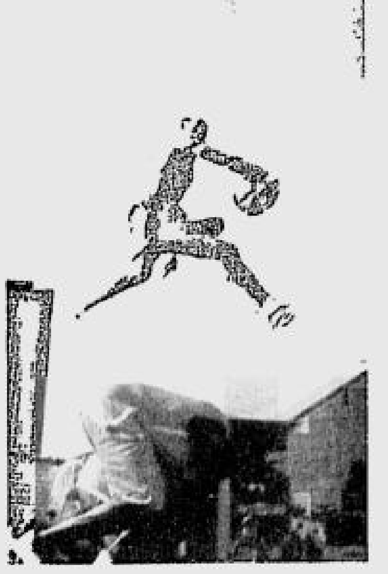
Nike Battleground Asia, a nationwide basketball event that fuses together a skills training camp and 5-on-5 hoop competition in one ultimate sporting experience, is sponsored by Gatorade, Summit Natural Drinking Water and Festival Supermall.

"We are very excited to bring Slam Nation here in the Philippines. We invite everyone to come over to Festival Supermall during the Nike Battleground Asia National Finals next Sunday and be awed watching them perform live," said Colo Ventosa, Nike Philippines Marketing Manager.

Formed in 1997, Slam Nation has been touring all over the world to wow audiences with their fancy stunts, which include 360-degree between the legs, pump and windmill, between legs over two people and cartwheel dunk.

Surprisingly, the tallest among the group, Dejan Ristic of Serbia, stood only at 6'6. The others are 5'11 Steve Lobel of France, 5'11 Kadour Ziana of Algeria, 6'2 Joachim Ekanga Ehawa of Cameroon, 6'2 Abdoulaye Desire Bamba of Ivory Coast, 6'3 Serge Moulare of Ivory Coast and 6'3 Kevin Lescot of France.

Bamba, dubbed as the Acrobatic Man, is the oldest in the group at 32 and was formerly a gymnast, while the youngest is 16-year-old Lescot whose specialties are the 360-degree between legs and windmill dunks. Ziana is an ex-soccer player and high jump champion who executes 360-degree dunks over several people and from the free throw line. Moulare and Lobel are known, respectively, for dunking two balls in one leap and between-the-legs running jam.

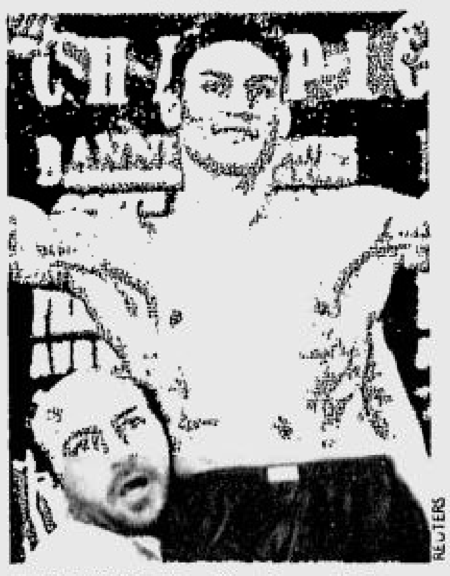


THE SLAM Nation will be the guest of the Nike Battleground Asia National Finals Aug. 17 at the Festival Supermall in Alabang. The team of high leapers shows off (left) one of its fancy stunts.

The only professional basketball players in the group are Ristic and Ehawa, who both love to do some spins before slamming it home.

Slam Nation, who has performed in many prestigious events worldwide, including during halftime in the NBA and the NCAA Division I games in the US, will be accompanied by their manager Jeremy Medjana and images producer Nicolas de Virieu and will have a very busy schedule during their six-day visit here in Manila.

Solar telecasts titanic Freitas-Barrios fight 'live'



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TRAINER lifts Brazilian boxer Freitas.

THE MUCH-AWAITED world title fight between undefeated Acelino "Popo" Freitas, the reigning World Boxing Organization (WBO) and World Boxing Association (WBA) 130-pound champion, and Jorge Rodrigo Barrios of Brazil will be telecast on Solar Sports "live" at 10 a.m. today with a replay at 8:30 p.m.

Freitas, with a sterling 33-0 win-loss record, including 30 knockouts, is a superstar in his native Brazil. Now 26 years old, Freitas is also one of the most exciting fighters in the ring today, with an aggressive style and tremendous punching power. He is 10-0 in world championship fights, which includes nine successful defenses of his WBO title and two of the WBA title.

Barrios (39-1-1, with 29 knockouts) is considered by most observers to be the best boxer in Argentina today. He is a popular celebrity in his home country as well. A seven-year professional veteran in the ring, he is currently ranked No.2 in the world and is a former South American junior lightweight champion. He is nicknamed "La Hiena," The Hyena, because of his loud laugh.

Two-year-olds get a shot at ₱1M pots

UNDEFEATED two-year-olds Don Paolo and Cat's Eye are likely to get top billing in their respective divisions as both horses stake their unblemished record today in two featured P1-Million events marketing the start of the 2003 Philracom "Juvenile Stakes Series" at the Santa Ana Park.

Philippine Racing Club Inc. (PRCI) formally ushers in the year's Juvenile racing trail with the back-to-back stakes feature handling its 14-race schedule today.

Promising colt Don Paolo, an impressive winner of the recent PCSO Maiden Stakes Race two weeks ago at the same track, parades to the post as the clear favorite in the 1st leg of the Philracom "Juvenile Colts Stakes Series."

Owned by basketball hotshot Paolo Mendoza and trained by sportsman Rudy Mendoza, Don Paolo will be skippered for the 1,450-meter race by regular rider Patricio Dilema.

Challenging Don Paolo for the premier spot are eight (8) other track newcomers, including unbeaten colts Vindicated and Sir Brendan Jean, recent maiden winners Awesome Power, Stallone and Calvin's Magic, as well as maiden gallopers Dato's Pride, Last Hazm and Nothing to Declare.

Meanwhile, celebrated upstart Cat's Eye heads the title chase in the 1st leg of the Philracom "Juvenile Fillies Stakes Series," a 1,450-meter race that has lured the participation of five other two-year-old fillies.

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Race 2—1. My Prayer 2. Hinobaan's Pride/Head and Tail 3. Dynasouls

Race 3—1. Batangas Force 2 Albatross 3. Sambat 4. Unspeakable 5. Kunichiwa

Race 4—1. Sacred Hall 2. Securit Risk 3. Might and Power

Race 5—1. Gold Honors 2. Korek Ka Dyan 3. Despedida 4. Smart Kevin 5. Water Girl

Race 6—1. Cat's Eye 2. Cat's Jewel 3. Sweet Talk

Race 7—1. Siete de Marso 2. Princess Sophia 3. Earl Gray 4. Cash McCall 5. Friendly Venture

Race 8—1. Sister Act 2. Bronte 3. Gifted Angel 4. Ole Ole Ole/Easy Rider 5. Joshua Tree

Race 9—1. Don Paolo 2 Last Hazm/Nothing to Declare 3. Stallone 4. Vindicated 5. Sir Brendan Jean

Race 10—1. Speed Machine 2. Moneyline 3. Tatler Cover 4. Regal Mischief 5. Prince Valiant

Race 11—1. Firenze Rose 2. Family Day 3. Material Trick

Race 12—1. Southern Charm 2. Scarlet O Tara 3. Mrs. Big 4. Flirting Hero 5. Endway

Race 13—1. Swallow Ur Pride 2. Tanging Ikaw 3. Master Strategist 4. High Pitch 5. St. Emilion

Race 14—1 Silver Print/Innovation 2. Test Run 3. Jackpot 4. Two Thumbs Up 5. Wing Man 6. Passionately

NICE TOURNEY

Sanchez, Dableo in top 20

PARAGUA: Chance to make top five

FILIPINO IMs Joseph Sanchez and Ronald Dableo showed their adeptness with the black pieces last night, downing their final opponents and barging into the top 20 of the shortened X Championnat de Nice International Chess Championships at the Grand Aston Hotel in Nice, France.

Sanchez, the 2003 Milano Open champion, beat Andrea Sanchez in 35 moves of a Sicilian Alapin while Dableo, the reigning Asian 3.2a Zonal titlist, trounced Julien Boursier of France in 45 moves of a Slav. Both raised their total to 5 points in the 164-man tournament originally set for nine rounds, according to Sanchez.

It was a brilliant recovery for Sanchez, who bowed to Sulava in the sixth round. Dableo, on the other hand, posted his second straight victory after besting Gabriele Di Lazzaro in Round 6.

Another Filipino, IM Mark Paragua was still battling Sebastian Gachet in board 5 at presstime.

Paragua settled for a draw with Bulgarian GM Milko Povchev in the sixth round and was at 4.5 points.

The 19-year-old Paragua shared 6th to 14th places going to round 7 and would make the top 5 with a victory over Gachet.

In the top board match, GM Igor Miladinovic of Greece and GM Davor Komljenovic of Croatia also settled for a truce.

The draw gave Miladinovic and Komljenovic 5.0 points, the same score posted by GM Nenad Sulava of Croatia, GM Bela Badea of Romania and GM Vladimir Georgiev of Macedonia. *With a report from NM Marlon Bernardino*

US lady cagers enter PanAm Games final

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic—The US women's basketball team is in the gold medal game of the PanAm Games, and might have gotten a free point from the scorer's table to get there.

The Americans were credited for one extra point at the end of the first period of their 75-69 overtime win over Brazil on Friday night. Brazil's coaches approached the scoring table after the period, but were satisfied with the explanation.

"There was a mistake that was corrected," Brazil coach Antonio Carlos Barbosa said. "But we were keeping our own score and knew the US team had one more point (than the scoreboard showed).

"Everything is fine. We are not filing any protest"

Play-by-play sheets compiled by USA Basketball and media members, however, showed the Americans had only 14 points after the first quarter, not 15, as the official stats indicate.

Official scorers refused to reveal their play-by-play when the problem was pointed out to them.

"As far as I'm aware, the players and coaches are not aware of any discrepancy," USA Basketball executive director Jim Tooley said. "Brazil was challenged at the time. My understanding of the rules is the score is a correctable error that can be changed at the time of the occurrence.

Stanford's Nicole Powell scored seven of her 17 points in overtime as the Americans overcame a big height disadvantage to beat Brazil and do something the US men collegians couldn't: bring home a medal. The American men lost to Puerto Rico, 76-70, Wednesday night for the bronze medal. **AP**

Chinese Taipei plays Ginebra

GAMES TODAY (*Ynarez Gym Antipolo*)
4 p.m.—Air21-RP Youth Team vs Angono Selection
6 p.m.—Mail&More Chinese Taipei vs Ginebra

GINEBRA star Eric Menk

THE RP-Taiwan Goodwill Series resumes today with Mail&More-Chinese Taipei taking on popular Barangay Ginebra at 6 p.m. at the Ynarez Gym in Antipolo City.

Chinovela superstar Chen Feng banners the tall Taiwanese who are playing against top Filipino squads.

In the first game, the Angono Selection faces Air21-RP Youth Team, which is using the goodwill series as a part of its preparations for the SEABA Junior Championships in Thailand.

The goodwill series, sponsored by Air21 and Mail&More, is under the auspices of the Basketball Association of the Philippines.

The visitors will also play Purefoods, Shell, the RP Cebuana Lhuillier team and RP-Air21 Youth, which is managed by Air21 president Lito Alvarez and coached by Johnny Tan.

"The Taiwanese team would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to Air21 chair Bert Lina for sponsoring our trip here in Manila," said Chinese Taipei Basketball Association secretary general Wang JenZen.

Focus will be on Chen, who is Yen Hsing Su in real life and is the star of the famous Taiwanese TV series My MVP Valentine, rival of F4's Meteor Garden in Taiwan.

In their first game Thursday, The Taiwanese drew with the inspired Pampanga Bulls in San Fernando, Pampanga. Air21-RP Youth beat University of Assumption, 78-73, in the opener.

Destiny ties up with NBL

GAMES of the National Basketball League can now be viewed in Destiny Cable's Prime Channel 61.

Prime Channel owner Henry Tan recently vowed to air NBL games nationwide through its local cable operators and subscribers.

"We believe in NBL's thrust for basketball development. NBL will be a big addition to our programming as a true Filipino Sports Channel," said Tan after signing the memorandum of agreement with NBL secretary general Tito Palma.

Part of the deal is the airing of the 2003 BAP-NBL Open International Invitational Tourney tentatively set Sept. 11-17 in Cebu City.

Since last week, Prime Channel has been airing the replays of all televised NBL games on Mondays, Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10-12 p.m. right after the coverage of horse racing and cockfights.

"We're happy to have Prime Channel with us and I believe it will be big factor in bringing NBL games to far-flung provinces," said Palma.

SPORTS noodle

ANSWERS **From page A20**
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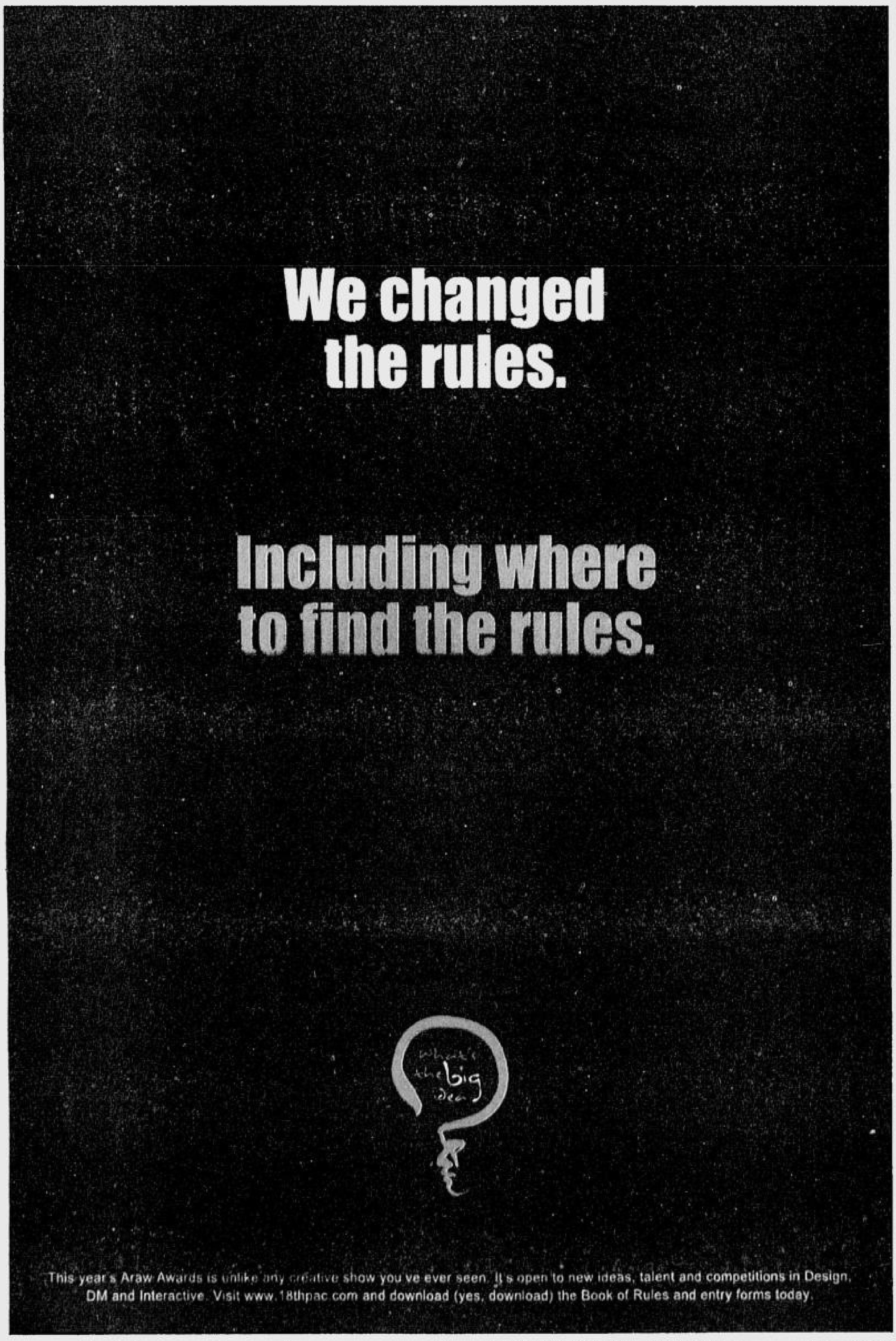
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His boss told him to resign; he stayed and made an impact

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

VICTOR P. Quisumbing swore he will never go in the insurance business.

HE grew up seeing the difficulties his parents endured in their line of work—how it was to have money at times, and none during others.

Victor P. Quisumbing, president of Philippine AXA Life, the life insurance arm of taipan George SK Ty, recalls one Christmas when his father told him things were very difficult and that there would be no gifts. Food for Christmas Eve was going to be very simple. "And that we would all go to sleep early."

FIRST JOB

"I told myself I will never go into insurance. I saw my parents go through difficulties and ups and downs," he says. His father was then working for a non-life firm owned by the brother of former Philippine President Elpidio Quirino and his mother was with Grepalife, the insurance firmed owned by taipan Alfonso Yuchengco.

And so he pursued a degree in marketing and vowed to "be good at selling things. But not insurance."

Selling packaged rice

After graduating from the University of Sto. Tomas, he joined a company called Milmore Products Corp. that was quite ahead of its time. It was a local company, the owners of which had a rice mill in Nueva Ecija. They were the first to sell packaged rice.

Quisumbing explains that the company packed the rice in boxes instead of the per ganta. That was in the early '70s. Quisumbing's job was to market and sell the product to the groceries.

The pay was also okay at P600 a month.

While he was doing this, a friend kept bugging him to go into insurance.

"I had a friend who was working for Manulife. He kept telling me I will do well as an insurance agent. I did not agree because I do not like meeting people and I did not like talking to people. I would rather watch a movie."

But the friend persisted and hounded him for two years.

One day, when the friend was trying to convince Quisumbing, he said the magic words that made Vic change his mind.

Magic word

"He told me the income in insurance was outstanding and that I could buy a car in a few months," Quisumbing recalls.

Quisumbing happens to like cars and was in fact driving at the age of 14, bringing his parents to Mass every 5 in the morning. He had been wanting to get a car but could not afford as he was then already raising a family.

It took his friend two years to convince Quisumbing to try the job he swore he would never get into. But he had nothing to fear, after all, about going into insurance.

In September 1973, he joined Manulife Financial. By December 1973, he bought a brand new car, a Colt, for P28,700 in cash.

His monthly pay was much higher than the pay scales at that time in other industries of P600 to P1,000 a month. Manulife was paying him P2,500.

"The firm believed that was the only way to attract business in the business. Their line was—you can earn more here than be employed."

During that time he was selling premiums of P35 to P100 each. "My mentor told me not to worry about selling small policies. He said I was young and that I would grow with my clients."

He recalls he sold his first premium to a friend for P40.

For about five years, Quisumbing coasted along and was content with what he was earning. He says he did not really love his job at the beginning. "It was just a job."

One day, the head of the company, an Englishman named Bob Morris, called him to his office.

"He told me that if I was not going to make an impact, I should just leave. He said he thought I could do more but if I could not, he said I was just wasting my time and that of the company's and that I should leave. He literally told me if I do not make an impact to leave."

Quisumbing says Morris' statement made him angry. "Suddenly I wanted to do something with my life. I asked myself—am I doing this purely to get by or was I creating an impact on the family? I wanted my family to see me as a model and as a successful per-

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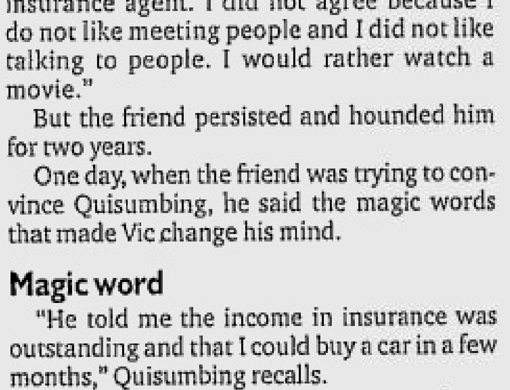

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SHOPWISE ladies Catherine Tantoco and Frances Yu during the media launch of Lights, Camera, Auction.

Putting a twist to a familiar concept (and increasing sales)

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

EVERY Monday morning, the marketing group of Shopwise Supercenters meets and conjures all sorts of ideas—the wilder, the better.

This year the group, headed by Frances Yu, added a twist to a familiar concept and came up with a "familiar concept with a twist"

With its three branches as venues, Shopwise Supercenters launched Lights, Camera, Auction last Friday. Under the promo, it will be auctioning off P3 million worth of items from Aug. 8 to Sept. 14. The starting bid for the items will only be 5 percent of their retail values.

For example, on Sept. 14, they are auctioning off a trip to Los Angeles for two at a starting bid of P5,527.50. The value of the trip is P110,550.

A buyer can join the auction with every P1,500 worth of purchase—P300 of which should be products of any of the sponsors to the promotion.

"The auction provides elements that is very Filipino—it's a game, it's a sale, it's interactive and participative," explains Yu.

"We took a familiar concept which is an auction and put a twist in it. But this time we are not auctioning off secondhand goods, the items are not repossessed and they are not unaffordable. They are everyday things that people need," she adds.

Catherine Y. Tantoco, VP for merchandising and marketing, says: "We are constantly experimenting with the way supermarket promotions are conducted. We feel that promotions are an integral part of the shopping experience and a service that we provide our customers. As such, we are always on the lookout to break new ground and raise the bar in terms of bringing the best deals and bargains to our customers."

Yu explains that the culture in Shopwise is thinking out of the box, thus they come up with original schemes. But she admits thinking out of the box could have its risks.

"Promotions cost a lot of money and you need sponsors to help defray the cost. In return you have to give something to your sponsors and in this case, the incentive is to ensure that customers will buy their products."

She says that so far their promotions have resulted in a 15-percent increase in store sales.

A total of 114 items will be auctioned off.

Yu gives the auctions participants the following tips to maximize their chances of winning the auction; "Be careful not to overbid. During the auction, you may get caught up in the excitement of the moment and end up bidding more than you intended. You should have a clear idea of what you are willing to pay for the item of your choice prior to the auction, and be able to stick to it.

"Study the list and specifications of the items up for auction prior to choosing which ones you will bid for. The more you buy, the more daily auctions you can join."

"Arrive at the auction early. This will give you enough time to register and get settled in before the bidding begins. The last thing you want is to arrive at the auction venue in a harried mood."

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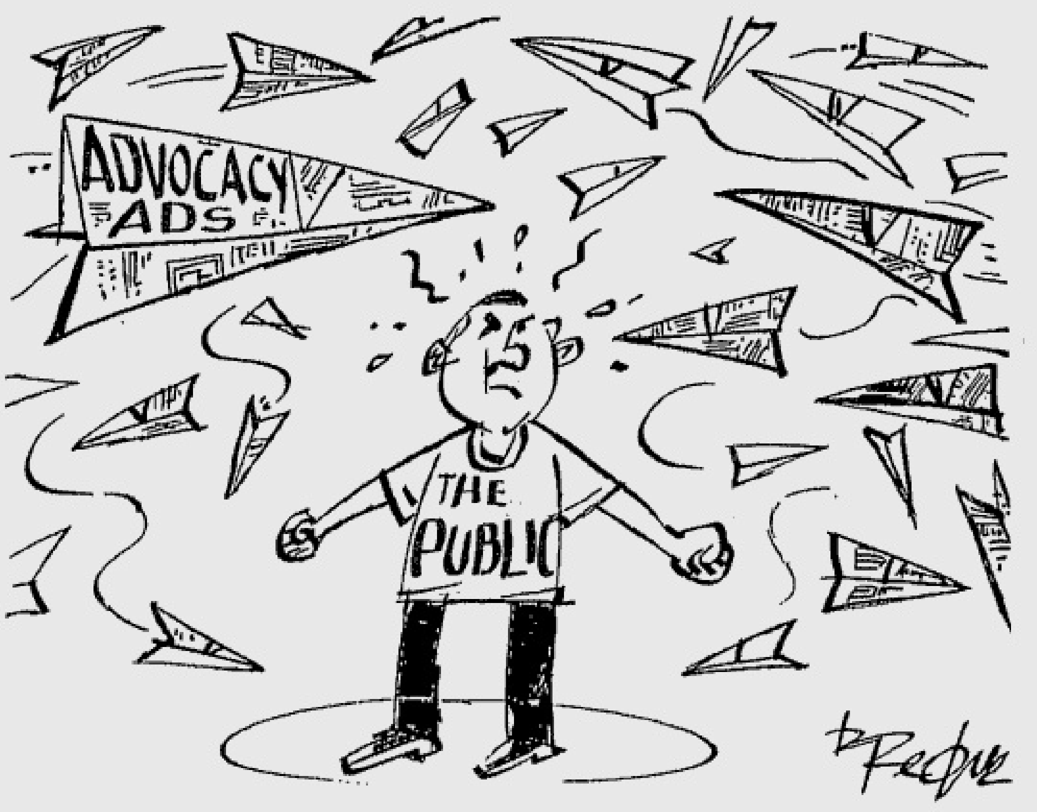
For issues management, advocacy ads can do the job

By Dante M. Velasco
Contributor



READ the newspapers any day, and, chances are, your eyes will be greeted by full-page ads. Not of multi-colored products. Not of a lady testifying to the virtues of shampoos or a woman transformed by liposuction. Not of a man, running (or singing) like a horse promising virility with a little help from vitamins and vintage wine!

These full-page ads are rendered in unimpressive black and white, made up wholly of text and graphics. Many of them are badly done, with a surfeit of text filling up every available white space. A few of them are tastefully—and, yes, elegantly—executed, using the tools of creative advertising: visual appeal, balance, perspective and wit.

These are commonly called "advocacy ads," placed by big companies, industry alliances, special interest groups, government agencies—and all other associations taking up a cause that must be important enough to force them to shell out advertising money for the project. They are also billed "issue ads," because they address a controversy or are baiting others to a running debate—so the issue occupies the public mind long enough to become a "media event" or a "raging controversy."

If they are not seeking support for a policy, they are exposing malfeasance or anomaly.

If they are not arguing a legal or moral point in the bar of public opinion, they are subtly "creating an environment" for the regular courts of law, with verbose legal briefs transformed into lean and lucid copy—so compelling that the judges might—just might—take notice.

Advertising clutter

Our chief complaint in the past was "advertising clutter," pointing to too much advertising or too many television commercials (TVCs).

(And speaking of TVCs, we had a full diet of commercials during the satellite feed of boxer the Manny Pacquiao fight, finishing this Mexican pugilist on the third round—yes, between late breaking news about the Oakwood mutineers." The televised fight had to be re-run just to accommodate all those commercials!)

PR clutter

Today, there is "public relations clutter," an invented name to refer to dizzying issues introduced in media, discussed in their many angles and slants, picked up by columnists (by design or at random is anybody's guess), and recycled in predictable offense-defense patterns.

Adding to the confusion is when all-too willing or unsuspecting government officials join the fray and debate the same issues in the name of public interest.

Actually, this is all very well in a free society in the "freest press" the world over. It is preferable that protagonists fight over issues in democratic ways—not by force of arms—using the instruments of persuasion, even if they border on propaganda.

Grabbing attention

The problem is—and this is a strategic or tactical question—How does one get the attention—then hold such attention—of the public where there are simply multi-decibel voices, multi-colored issues, and multi-faceted views? Perspective suffers, and we are lost—not for lack of information but for an over-abundance of it.

In the United States, Paul A. Argenti, professor of management and corporate communication, who taught at the Columbia and Harvard Business Schools, pointed out that issue advertising rose out of necessity to provide a counter voice to many groups becoming more and more aggressive—and vocal.

"The rise in importance and increased power of special-interest groups, such as Ralph Nader's PIRG, and environmentally oriented organizations, such as Greenpeace, contributed greatly to the need for companies to increase communication activity."

He cited the "issue ads" of Mobil Oil, which were placed twice a week in the New York Times and The Wall Street Journal to take issue with "allegations of obscene profits and the hoarding of oil to jack up prices."

Argenti explained: "Instead of merely reacting to the allegations thrown at them, the Mobil issue ads put the burden on government, told why the companies needed hefty profits for oil exploration, and changed the focus of discussion to other issues that the company's CEO felt were more important to shareholders."

The issue ads ran for 20 years.

What began as a dialogue about the oil embargo in the early 1970s, Argenti said, expanded "to become a sort of bully pulpit for this powerful organization as it tried to advocate positions on a wide variety of topics."

We mentioned Mobil's issue ads for a bit of history about advocacy ads that have actually become familiar in this debate-loving country. Remember the battle of advocacy ads between the Philippine International Air Terminals Corp. (Piatco) and the MIA-Naia Association of Service Operators (MASO)?

After using what Argenti called "old-style PR"—getting into the news pages, op-ed sections and prime time news—both camps decided to use full page issue ads so that they can tell their complicated story very well.

Insiders in one camp volunteered the fact that, when the whole gamut of sub-issues were offered to the public in good old headlines and crisp copy, people began to stop, listen and understand.

Combined with other advocacy tools, the ads provided background, marshalled the legal points, and—achieving perspective—called for action on the part of policy- and decision-makers in government.

As a postscript to that battle royale, Piatco's contract with the Philippine government was nullified by the President, declared null and void by the Supreme Court and described as "null from the start" by the Senate blue ribbon committee.

When a former environment secretary was embroiled in a controversy over a mining issue, a series of advocacy ads began appearing in the country's major broadsheets—again using the creative and persuasive tools of advertising. These were, of course, complemented by news and views orchestrated by contending camps.

These powerful instruments—giving almost complete control over form and content to the advertiser—are variously called advocacy, issue and corporate ads. A defensive organization is forced to use these vehicles to defend a policy or introduce a new issue to sidestep what it thinks is a "non-issue."

An organization on the offensive, on the other hand, will employ such ads to bring to fore hitherto unknown facts, and expose the many cases of malfeasance.

Has advertising bumped off public relations then?

Each discipline has its value in a world that has become a "global village."

Our world, the business world in particular, is populated by corporations that now virtually live in "glass houses." A book titled "Total Exposure" said that much, referring to the access through the Internet, the power of the business reporter, and the omnipresence of interest groups subjecting firms to close, day-to-day scrutiny.

So, how does a company defend itself, besieged by technology and contrary ideology? It must tell its own story using all the tools at its command—the Internet, old-fashioned news stories, press conferences to get media support, alliance building—and issues management.

As for issues management, advocacy ads—strategic in framework and tasteful in execution—will do the job.

As we refer to issues we would rather bury to oblivion, paraphrasing poet Carl Sandburg in his poem "Grass," issue ads must be saying: "I am the grass, let me work."

(The author is head of Creative Point International, Philippine affiliate of Hill & Knowlton, engaged in advocacy and communications consulting; and graduate school professor at the UP-College of Mass Communications.)

His boss told him to resign; he stayed and made an impact

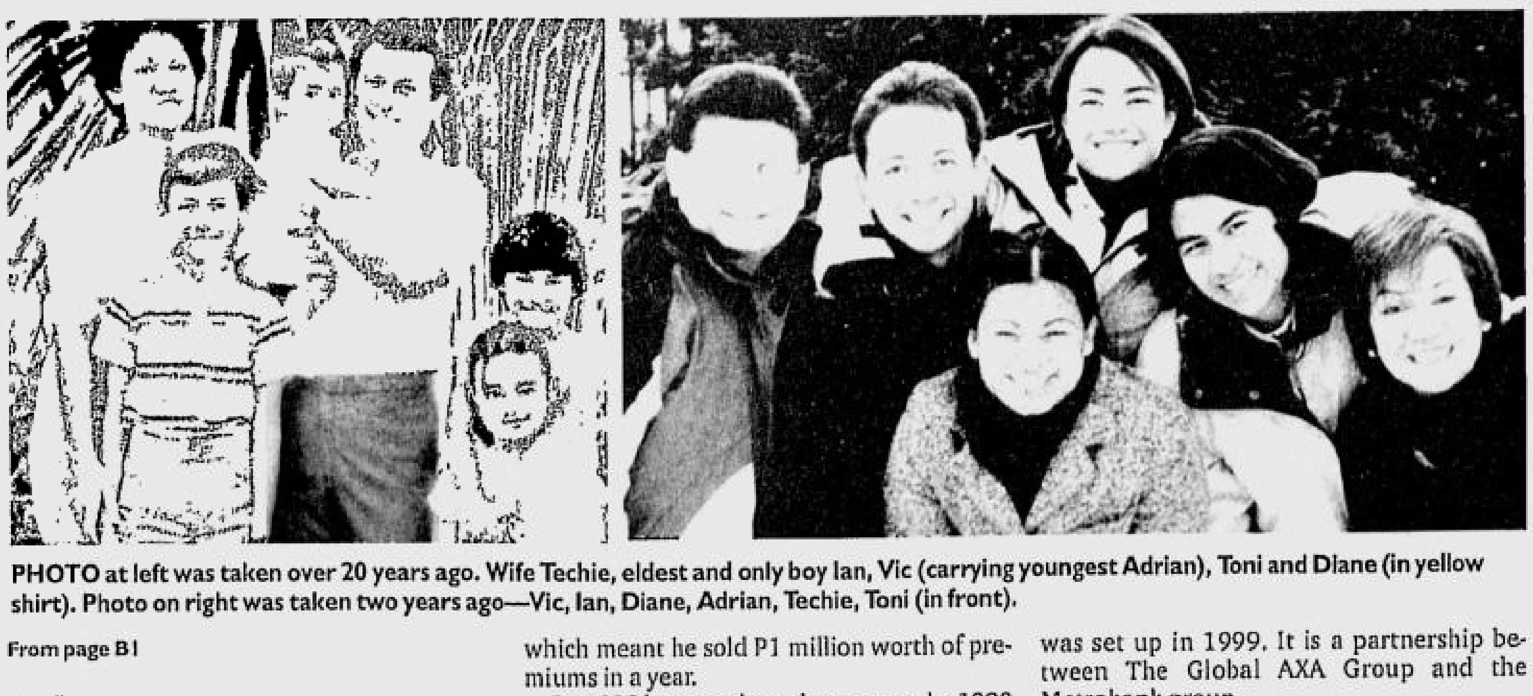


PHOTO at left was taken over 20 years ago. Wife Techie, eldest and only boy Ian, Vic (carrying youngest Adrian), Toni and Diane (in yellow shirt). Photo on right was taken two years ago—Vic, Ian, Diane, Adrian, Techie, Toni (in front).

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son."

The executive says that was his wake-up call.

"I started to look at myself as number one. I looked at all the conventions and I was part of it all. It was important for me to be part of the group that mattered. That became a habit for me," he says.

When he joined Manulife in 1973 he was a career agent. In 1985 he became a unit manager—the first time that Manulife was bringing back the group system.

It was also in 1985 when he became a member of the Million Dollar Round Table, which meant he sold P1 million worth of premiums in a year.

By 1988 he was a branch manager; by 1990 he was regional sales manager; by February 1992 he was agency sales director and by October 1992 he was VP and COO.

Soon after he was pirated by All AsiaLife Assurance Corp. and in July 2001 he was invited to head Philippine AXA Life Insurance Corp.

After over 30 years in the business, Quisumbing still moves from strength to strength. Under his leadership Philippine AXA jumped last year from ninth place to fourth place in terms of premium income.

Relatively a newcomer, Philippine AXA was set up in 1999. It is a partnership between The Global AXA Group and the Metrobank group.

Philamlife was No. 1 with P8.9 billion in premium; followed by Sunlife with P7.67 billion; Insular Life with P5.3 billion; and Philippine AXA with P2.78 billion.

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Small vendors rely on 'tree of life' to survive

By Delfin Mallari Jr.
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LUCENA CITY—As millions of coconut farmers across the country continue to besiege the government with complaints over the sorry state of the coconut industry, a group of local small entrepreneurs here in the capital of the former largest coconut-producing province has since turned the predicament into a livelihood opportunity.

Ademar Mabulay, 48, and resident of the rural village of Isabang, says that for the past 20 years of his life, selling *buko* (young coconut), buko juice (sweet coco water) and *ubod* (fresh coconut pith) has provided for his family.

"I formerly sold fish in the village but with credits fast piling up, which eventually also devoured my small capital, I found myself also selling fresh coconuts in the city market alongside my barrio mates," he recalls.

He added: "Now, I'm proud to announce that this coconut peddling job, may be lowly in the eyes of onlookers, has provided financial comfort for my family and also the money that has secured the college diplomas of my two children—mass communication and education graduates."

The next stall owner, couple Roberto and Josefina Belen, also residents of the same village and only a couple of months ahead of the Mabulays in the trade, also boast that their hard work in selling coconut products has helped tide them over difficult times.

"This job also allowed my daughter to successfully finish her medical technology course," the proud Josefina says.

Patience

She only complained of having to wake up very early, especially when there are big orders for the next day. "Sometimes we wake up as as early as two in the morning."

Her husband, Roberto, described the nature of their work as "*tiyagaan lang* (one that needs a lot of patience)."

Mabulay, who also tends the stall with his wife, says they were only few of them in the trade when they first started selling near the city market.

"It was not yet a viable business. We only had few regular customers, mostly those who came from their daily morning exercise in the nearby Perez Park who liked to drink fresh coconut water as a thirst quencher and also those who needed a drink of it in the morning for medicinal purposes," he says.

Sometimes, occasional buyers of fresh coconut meat would show up, he adds.

These days, coconut water account for the bulk of their income from the coconut business.

He says some buko buyers keep only the meat, and the leftover coconut water means additional bonus for Mabulay and his group of 16 peddlers at the side of the old BLTB bus terminal along Merchan Street.

"We mix the buko juice in a glass container with additional strips of grated coconut meat, sugar and lots of ice and sell it for P5 each," he says.

During hot days, P500 is an easy target income for a day, according to the vendors.

Based on the Philippine Coconut Authority information handouts, "coconut water is also called liquid endosperm. The coconut water is also believed to cure renal disorders."

"Bukolysis," as it is also called, is the medical process of reducing or dissolving urinary stones using buko water from seven to nine month old coconuts.

"Coconut water is commonly promoted as an economical thirst quencher, hunger satisfier and medical cure—all in one," the PCA says.

Tree of life

The coconut tree is called "The Tree of Life" because of the endless list of products and byproducts derived from its various parts.

The coconut industry, during its heyday, was also considered a major dollar earner that provided livelihood to one-third of the country's population.

Mabulay recalls that when they entered the business, there was a housing development boom.

He also remembered that the frenzy of subdivision constructions inside coconut farmlands was then a regular sight in the province.

"So, naturally, there were quite a number of coconut trees being cut daily. That's where we realized the opening of a livelihood opportunity," Mabulay says.

He says they paid P1 for three young coconuts during their early years in the business, which they would sell in the market for P3 to P4.

The buko peddlers now buy a piece of young coconut from their source for P6 each, which they sell for P10.

Grated coconut meat costs P60 a kilo, from about six pieces of young coconuts.

"If the coconut has no meat inside, we have to open up to 10 nuts to get a kilo." he said.

The young coconut fruit produces buko that is often used for salads, halo-halo and sweet candies.

According to PCA handouts, the young coconut meat comes in three varieties: *mala-kanin*, or having the consistency of boiled rice; *mala-uhog*, mucus-like consistency and ready for eating; and *mala-katad*, or like leather. The last kind is the one used for making sweets.

Ubod

"Fresh young coconut in a shell normally lasts for about a week. The same with unpeeled coconut pith," he says.

Mabulay says he no longer remembered the original purchase price of the coconut pith.

The young coconut pith can be used in making coco pickles, vegetable dish cooked with coconut milk and the more popular *lumpiang sariwa*.

Now, the coconut peddlers buy the pith at P5 each from coconut lumber traders who usually cut trees several kilometers away from the nearest road network.

"We're the ones who will get the pith from the fallen tree," he says. But he stressed that they make it a point to only transact with licensed coconut lumber traders.

Mabulay's group would later sell it in plastics of one kilo or one-half kilo each. Each kilo costs P30.

He says most of Quezon coconut farmlands were already depleted due to the coconut lumber trade.

Mabulay discloses that they now secure their stocks from as far as Batangas and Laguna.

"And the farther the source, the more capital for us due to the transportation cost," he explains.

"But there are always ready supplies due to the cheap price of *copra*. Instead of producing copra, most coconut landowners just cut their trees and sell it to lumber traders," he explains.

Coco lumber

Based on the 2001 yearend report of the PCA in Southern Tagalog, with the low price of copra, the farmers in six coconut-producing provinces in the region found it more profitable to cut coconut trees and turn them into lumber.

The PCA notes that compared to the year 2000, the number of applications for permit to cut coconut trees registered an increase of 11 percent from 2001. In 2000, the coconut trees cut were 214,416 covering 2,144 hectares, compared to 237,837 trees felled the next year that covered 2,378 hectares.

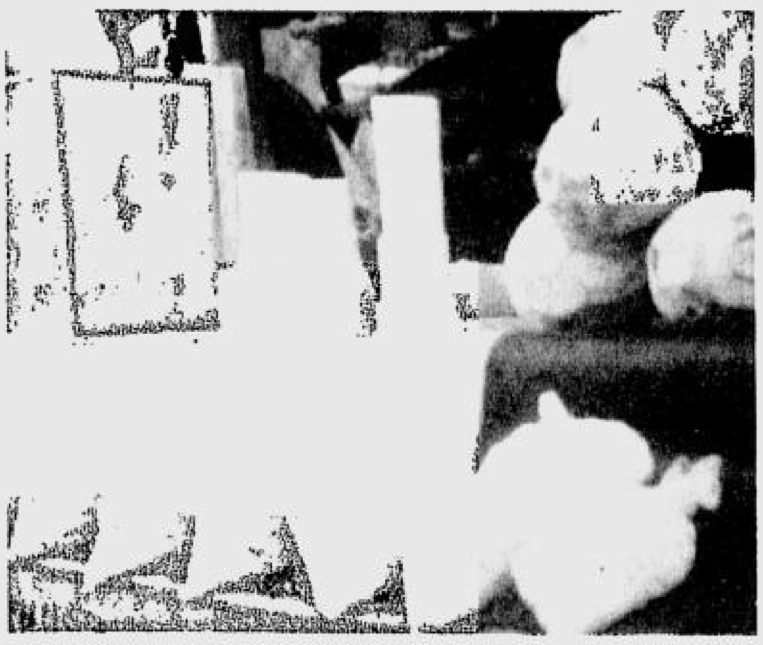
Quezon topped the list of provinces that cut the most number of trees, followed by Laguna.

Mabulay notes that the peak seasons for their business usually coincide with community festivities such as fiestas, holidays and summer.

He says buyers from neighboring towns also regularly drop by and buy their stuff. "But during the rainy season, the buyers are scarce."

He says most of them also regularly supply several restaurants and caterers in the city and neighboring towns with buko meat and sliced coconut pith.

The vendors' group pays P200 per jeepload of coconut husks to be dumped in the city's garbage dumping site in the outskirts of the city.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44 Lot 4 Cabahug St. / LA-1,100	11,000,000
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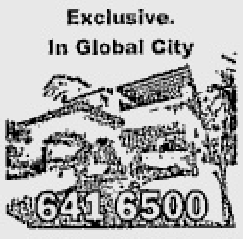

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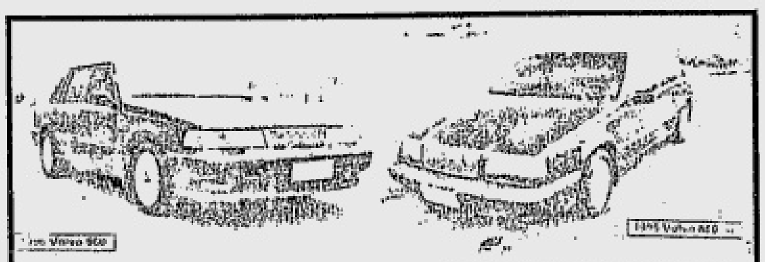

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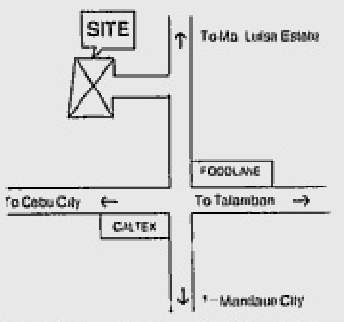

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2. Bidding is open to all firms who have been previously prequalified by GEM to undertake Mid-Scale Infrastructure Projects (MSIP), regardless of the sector, e.g., port, road and bridges, water supply, etc., the firm was prequalified in. In addition to this newspaper advertisement, GEM will send individual invitations to all of these prequalified firms.
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4. A complete set of bidding documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the above office and on payment of a non-refundable fee of Three Thousand Pesos (Php 3,000) during regular office hours from August 13, 2003, up to August 22, 2003. For those who will be unable to obtain their documents in Davao City, copies will be made available during the pre-bid conference to be held on August 18, 2003 at 1:30 PM at the Conference Room of the GEM Zamboanga Area Office located at the 4th Floor, VHW Building (Land Bank), Veterans Avenue, Zamboanga City. Only two representatives from each firm shall be allowed to attend the pre-bid conference. ATTENDANCE TO THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS A PREREQUISITE FOR PARTICIPATION IN THIS BIDDING.
5. GEM has arranged site inspection for contractors' representatives on the afternoon of August 19, 2003. Contractor representatives may either take a plane leaving Zamboanga 9:30 AM on August 19 or take a boat leaving 8 PM August 18 arriving Bongao Port at 10 AM the following day.
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7. Bids shall be opened thereafter at 15:30 hours on the same day at the same place in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend. In case the specified date of bid opening is declared a public holiday, the bids shall be received and opened at the same time and place on the next working day.
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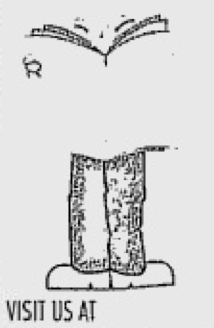

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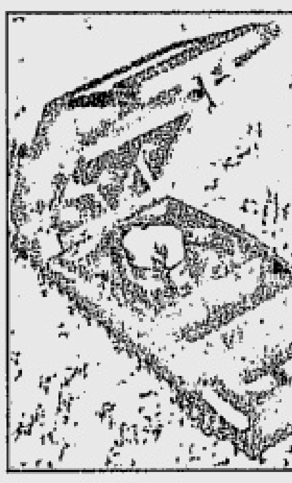

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His Family request relatives, friends and pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul, and to remember him in their prayers. Holy Masses will be offered on August 13, 2003 in his memory at the following Churches.

Don Bosco Church – *Baguio City*	6:30 A.M.
Immaculate Conception Parish – *Aurora, Hill Baguio City*	6:00 A.M.
Our Lady of Atonement – *Baguio Cathedral, Baguio City*	6:30 A.M.
Pink Sisters – *Baguio City*	6:30 A.M.
St. Vincent Ferrer Parish Church – *Baguio City*	6:00 A.M.
Our Lady of Lourdes – *Baguio City*	6:30 A.M.
Seminario Mayor Recoletos – *Baguio City*	6:30 A.M.
Our Lady of Manaoag – *Pangasinan*	7:00 A.M.
St. Isidore Parish – *Tubao, La Union*	6:00 A.M.
Immaculate Conception Parish Church – *Rosario, La Union*	6:00 A.M.
San Sebastian Basilica – *Manila*	6:30 A.M.
Abbey of Our Lady of Monserrat – *Manila*	6:30 A.M.
Shrine of the Holy Face of Jesus – *Manila*	6:30 A.M.

"For God so loved the World, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have Everlasting life."

John 3:16

CORNELIA JUGADO VDA. DE LOCSIN

Retired PNR Employee

of La Castellana, Negros Occidental
and Chicago Illinois, USA

Passed away peacefully in the Grace of our Lord at 8:05 A.M. (Chicago time) on August 3, 2003 at the Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago, Illinois at the age of 82.

She is survived by her beloved children; **Enrique & Aurora Arandia, Lydia & Martin Hestbeck** (Minnesota), **Ramon Jr. & Purifacion Legaspi.** Stepdaughters; **Ramona L. Lozano, Leonor L. Gregorio** (†), and **Gloria L. Cantolino** (California), Grandchildren; **Alexi & Claire, Henrito, Leizel, Elvis & Helen, Maria Lyka, Ramona Pia, Dennis & Pinky,** and **Mark Anthony.** Surviving sisters; **Insula J. Francisco,** and **Pascualita J. Santos.**

Her remains lie in state at 33 Aguho St., Octagon Village, Bo. De La Paz, Pasig City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina City, after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at the Christ the King Church, Green Meadows, Quezon City.

THANK YOU

for the outpouring of love and support.

Your Mass offerings and messages of sympathy, your visits, vigils, and flowers, your attendance at the Masses and the funeral rites have greatly consoled our hearts.

On this 40th day of her return to the loving embrace of our Almighty Father, we ask that you continue remembering her in your prayers, as we will remember you in ours.

From the family of the late

NIEVES TUASON SONCUYA

That our relatives and friends may know

Our Dearly Beloved Mother

Priscilla 'Ying' Caoile-Vela

has been reunited with our father ***Capt. Jose Claudio Vela Jr.*** *in the comforting arms of the Lord on August 8, 2003 at the age of 80.*

Her remains lie in state at the Sta. Cecilia Village Chapel, Talon Dos, Las Piñas City.

Cremation will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at the Manila Memorial Park Crematorium, Sucat, Parañaque after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Sta. Cecilia Village Chapel.

JOEY and **MILDRED**: **Jay & Heather, Cookie, Rachelle, Kathryn;**
TESSIE and **CHITO**. **Brandy & Jeannie, Ivy;**
PERRY and **MARGIE**: **Bim & Olen, Tine, Jorge, Shiela;**
and **CORA.**
Great grandchildren: **Lanz and Miko**

Our Beloved

ZENAIDA MONTILLA MATELA

Died in the grace of our Lord on August 6, 2003.

Her loving husband **Niceforo (Porong) Matela**, children **Anju, Marvie and Darius, Jackie, Kenneth and Bing, Ladybird and James, Lyndon and Jenny, Monique;** grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains now lie in state at Mary Help of Christians Church, Better Living Subd., Parañaque City.

Interment will be on August 12, 2003, Tuesday, at the Everest Hills Memorial Park, Muntinlupa City, after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at the church.

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside the still waters. **Psalm 23:1-2**

PACIENCIA MARICABAN MENDOZA

of Antipolo City
April 29, 1908 – August 7, 2003

Her loving husband **Eleuterio** (†); children **Cristy & George, Totoy & Cecille, Teddy & Delia, Melanio & Jean, Marcial & Venus, Joe & Adoring** (†), **Genia & Chito;** her grandchildren **Marivi & Bill, Rick & Lisa, Mary Ann, Roy & Divine, Rachelle & Edward, Ritchie & Patrick, Ryan, Bryan, Jewel, Hazel & Amando, Jenny & Jeff, Jonathan** (†), **Jojo & Lisa, Gracy, Princess, Raymond, Marc & Mikky, Melody, Missy, Jill & Rinzo, Joyce & Dick, Jondee, Janice, Jonathan, Meg & Peter, Oliver, Regie, Patrick** and great-grandchildren request the pious readers to pray for her soul

Her remains lie in state at the Our Lady of Peace Memorial Chapel, No. 6 Carigma St., Antipolo City.

Interment will be announced later

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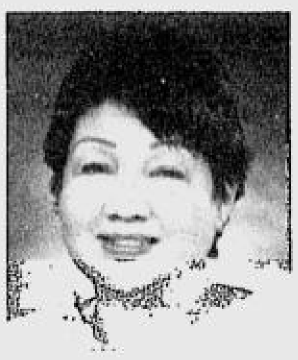

MYRNA H. BUENDIA

We wish to inform the public that the person whose picture and name appears above has resigned as Vice President for Administration from the Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center effective July 25, 2003.

Accordingly, any transactions made through her starting the above mentioned date will not be honored by the Hospital.

(PDI – August 10, 2003)

National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Power Corporation (NPC) of the Republic of the Philippines invites all interested contractors to register and apply for eligibility and to bid for the Dingle Diesel Power Project II (Transfer of 110MW Pinamucan Diesel Power Plant, Pinamucan, Batangas to Dingle, Panay Island).

The works to be completed by the successful bidder shall consist of, but not limited to, disassembling/dismantling, hauling, transportation, erection/installation of 4x12.94MW and 4x14.63MW diesel gensets including supply of miscellaneous electro-mechanical equipment, construction of powerhouse, control house, equipment foundations, intrasite road networks, fuel oil tanks farm and test and commissioning.

The complete set of eligibility documents are available for issuance at the Bids and Contracts Services Department, Ground Floor, Building No. 1, National Power Corporation, Agham Road corner Quezon Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City 1104 with Tel. No. 924-5211 and Telefax No. 922-1622, upon presentation of Certificate of Official Registration, Letter of Intent and Contractor's License. Interested contractors may conduct preliminary site inspection with prior written notification to the Chairman of the Contracts Award Committee (CAC).

The bidding requirements and schedule of activities are as follows:

Contract Number	Sp03.TPDPP Vc-0368
Approved Budget for the Contract	P535,000,000.00
Contractor's License and Registration Particulars Issued By the PCAB	Category AAA Large B - Specialty: Foundation, Mechanical and Electrical Works
Issuance of Registration and Eligibility Requirements/Documents	August 11, 2003
Deadline for submission of Eligibility Requirements/Documents	August 29, 2003
Issuance of Tender Documents	September 1, 2003
Site Inspection at Pinamucan	September 1-5, 2003
Site Inspection at Dingle	September 1-5, 2003
Pre-bid Conference	September 8, 2003
Submission and Opening of Bids	October 6, 2003
Contract Duration	Three Hundred (300) calendar days
Cost of Eligibility Documents	P1,000.00 (Non-refundable)
Cost of Tender/Bid Documents	P10,000.00 (Non-refundable)

Eligibility of registered prospective bidders shall be evaluated based on non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria prescribed in the eligibility guidelines.

Tender/bid documents shall be issued only to eligible bidders upon payment thereof.

The CAC, NPC, reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, and to cancel the bidding process and reject all bids, at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder(s) or any obligation to inform the affected bidder(s) of the ground(s) for NPC's action.

(Sgd.) SILVANO C. ZANORIA
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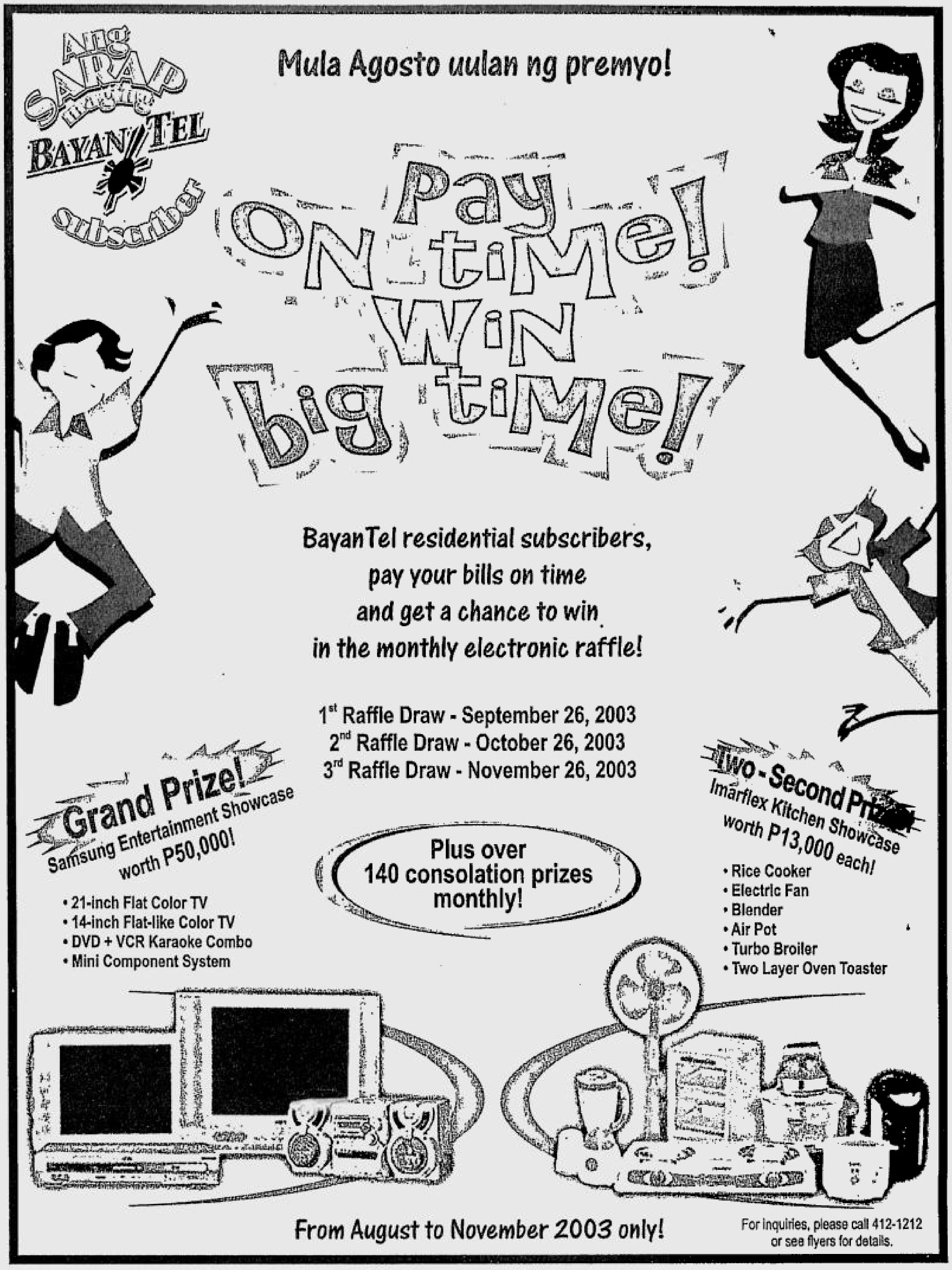
Chairman, Contracts Award Committee

(PDI - Aug 9 & 10, 2003)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MANUEL "Nonoy" LOPA, JR.

(28 June 1930 - 11 August 2002)

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass shall be offered for him on Monday, 11 August 2003 at the following churches:

Shrine of Jesus, the Way, the Truth
& the Light, Pasay City .... 5:30 p.m.
San Rafael Parish, Pasay City .... 6:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Pasay City .... 7:00 p.m.
St. James the Great Parish, Ayala Alabang .... 6:00 p.m.
Sanctuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati ...... 6:00 p.m.
Mary the Queen Parish, Greenhills, San Juan .... 6:00 p.m.
Sta. Maria della Strada Parish, Loyola Heights,
Quezon City .... 6:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Pentecost Parish, Loyola Heights,
Quezon City .... 6:30 p.m.

We, his loving family, request relatives and friends to remember him in their prayers.

AGUSTINA P. MANAOG

Of Sampaloc, Quezon

Peacefully joined her Creator on the 7th of August, 2003 at the age of 80 born on the 10th of August, 1923

Her bereaved husband, **Reynaldo**; children **Antonio, Rev. Fr. Andy, Edgardo, Erlinda** and **Ruben** (†); **Teodoro** and **Lucila**; in-laws, grandchildren and her other relatives and friends request prayers for the repose of her soul.

Her remains now lie in state in her residence at Cadmium St., St. Peter II Subdivision, Gulang-Gulang, Lucena City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at St. Ferdinand Memorial Park after the 2:00 p.m. Mass.

VIRGINIA REYES-PANGILINAN

Peacefully joined our Creator on August 7, 2003 at the age of 79.

Virgie is preceded in the Divine Presence by her husband **Jose S. Pangilinan**, and their children Luisito and Victoria.

She is survived by their children, **Joji** and **Romy Linañ, Connie** and **Noel Javellana, Nestor** and **Ferry Pangilinan, Mario** and **Mel Pangilinan, Willie** and **Carlyn Pangilinan, Philip** and **Odie Pangilinan, Helen** and **Cristie Pangilinan,** and grandchildren; and her sister **Antonia Reyes-Torres.**

Her body lies in state at the Loyola Memorial Park Chapel, Marikina City. Interment will be on August 10, 2003, Sunday, after the 1:00 p.m. Mass at Loyola Memorial Cemetery, Marikina City.

THERESITA "NONENG" D. HIDALGO

1924-2003
of Boac, Marinduque, and Manila

Died in the Grace of our Lord on Friday, August 08, 2003 at the age of 79.

Her brothers **Alfonso, Augusto Jr.** and **Claudio** (†), and sisters **Lilia H. Laurel** (†) and **Albine H. Padua** request the pious reader to pray for the repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels in Sucat, Parañaque.

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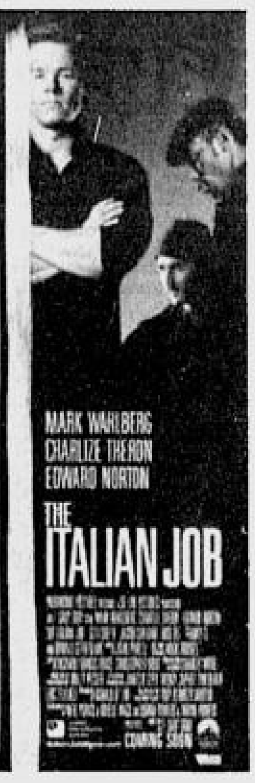
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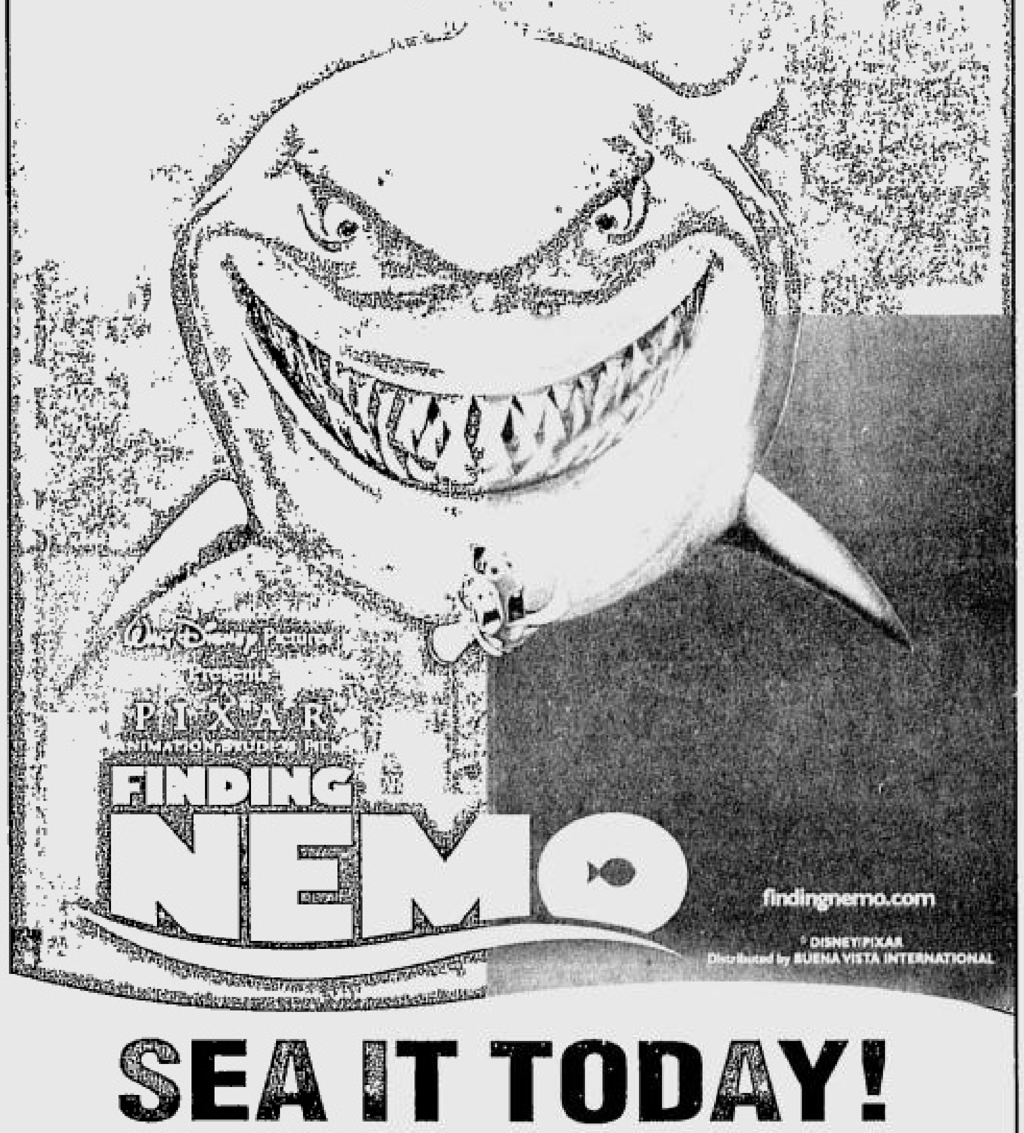
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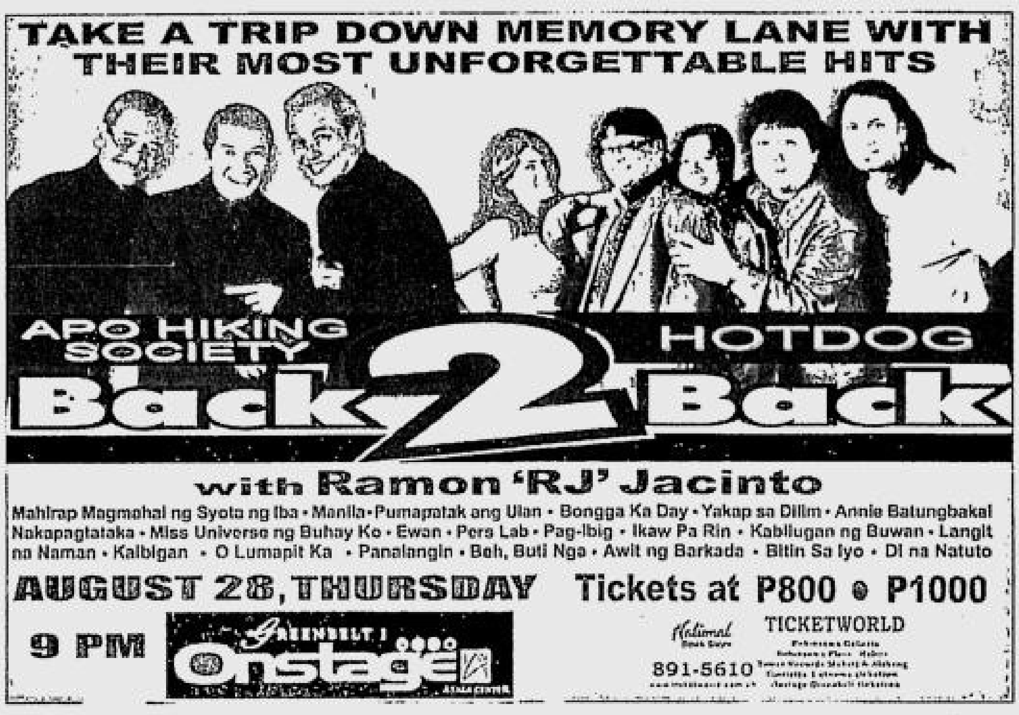

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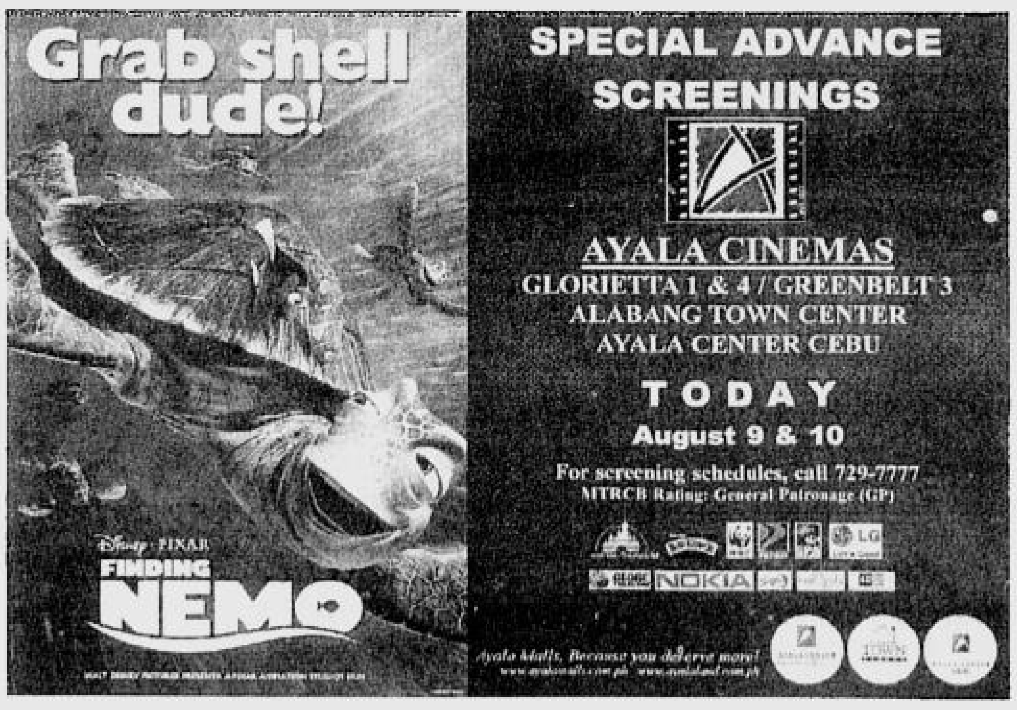

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Jomari: I had to sell my watches to survive

TWO WOMEN. He refuses to take sides between ex-wife Aiko Melendez (near right), whom he admits hitting "once," and Ara Mina, who he insists is just "a really good friend."

Relieved

By Nini Valera

ACTOR Jomari Yllana left his marriage with actress and Quezon City Councilor Aiko Melendez with only the clothes he was wearing and the car he was driving.

He was also broke, broken-hearted and jobless.

"I didn't know an actor like myself could be jobless," said Jomari, 26, breaking his silence three weeks after his marriage with Aiko was annulled by a Quezon City Court judge.

"I lost money I invested," he said. "I lost a sitcom ('Kiss Muna,' with Ara Mina). I lost my home. I lost my family. I lost everything except for my life.

"You know how I lived?" he added. "I lived by selling my watches."

After he and Aiko agreed that their marriage could no longer work, he left and Aiko sent him his clothes and his collection of expensive watches.

Jomari said he also borrowed some money from actress Ara Mina, his rumored paramour.

Jomari vehemently denied that he and Ara were lovers, during this interview last Wednesday night at the taping of his GMA-7 sitcom "Kool Ka Lang."

"But I already returned the loan to Ara," he said.

Jomari said he felt relief when the annulment finally came through.

"I'm doing better now," he said. "A lot of problems came our way. There was Aiko's campaign, my dad passed away, and our marriage was already on the rocks."

He hit her

One of these problems was Ara. Even when they were still married, Aiko had accused Jomari of having an affair with Ara.

"No, that's not true," said the actor in between sips of coffee and puffs of cigarettes. "Ara is a good friend, really a good friend. I can call her anytime. I can always look her up. She's the same with me. We're good friends.

"During the times that I had so many problems, she was one of the people I could run to."

Jomari admitted that he once hit Aiko during one of their fights.

"I was pushed into it," he said. "We were having this fight. We fought all the time. I hit her. Once."

He said he felt bad about hitting Aiko and he vowed that he would never hit another hu-

JOMARI/ C7

DID YOU KNOW...

Sen. **Manny Villar** and his wife, Las Piñas Rep. **Cynthia Villar**, and their pretty daughter **Camille** were seen dining at the Lolo Mao Chinese restaurant at the Podium at the Ortigas Center last Monday night. No bodyguards were in sight while the Villars dined.

Jo-Ann Maglipon writes on show biz 'Juice'

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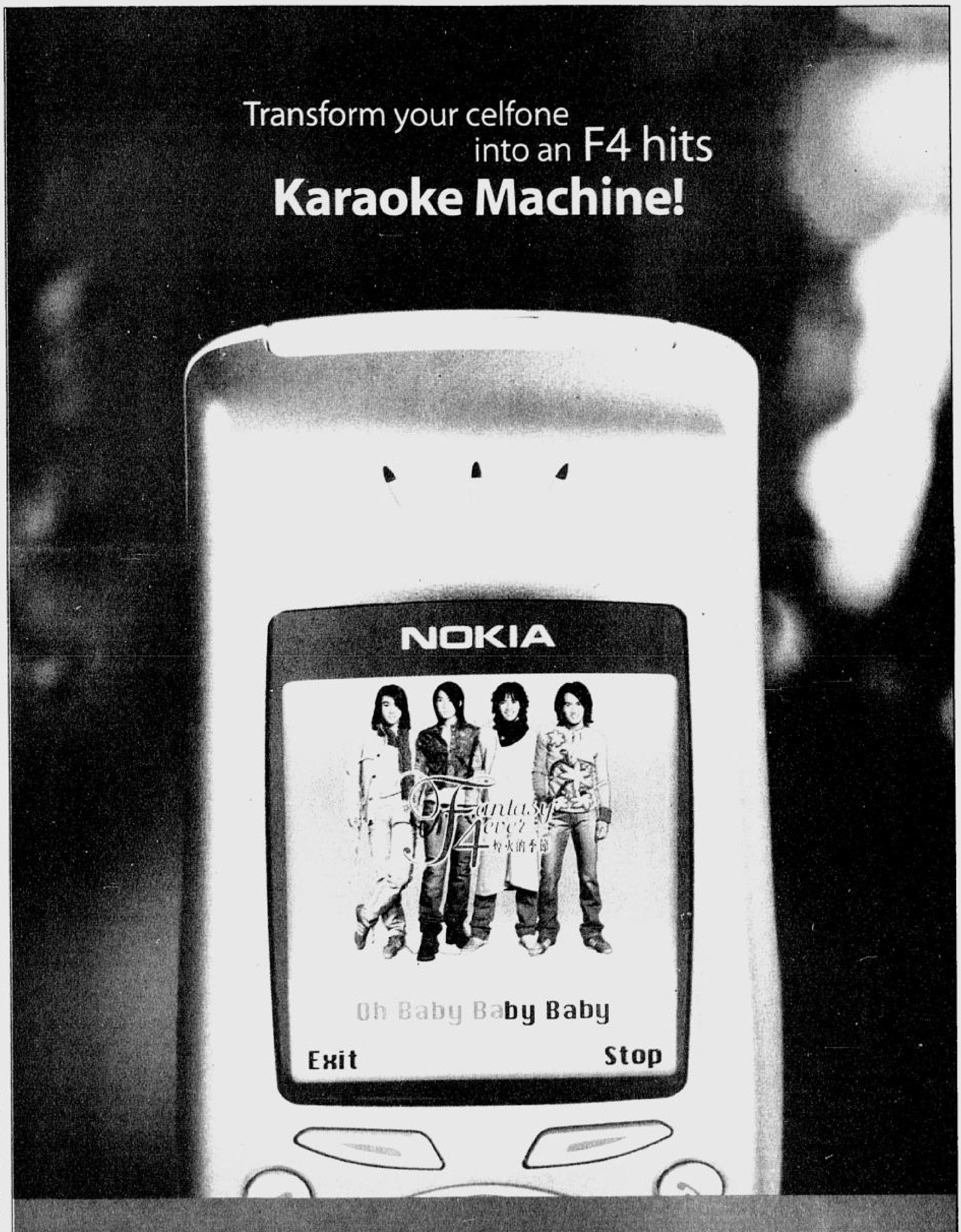

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Stars often litter Glorietta 4 at the Ayala Center in Makati City. Like, one recent night, **Ralion Alonzo** was seen in rugged getup while walking around with a female companion. **Sunshine Dizon** was seen with three friends in front of Marks and Spencer department store. And **John Lloyd Cruz** was seen meeting up with a *balikbayan* friend at the Armani Exchange shop.

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FPJ: Will he or won't he?

JUICE

Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon

WHEN you visit an FPJ set, you had better know there is protocol that, while never written, is always observed.

If you arrive and The King is sipping his Starbucks Macchiato, leave him alone. If he's swapping stories with **Bata Reyes**, don't interrupt. If he's peering at the video playback, stay put. If he's being made up, sit tight. If he's whizzing past, stand down. And even if he's just standing there, doing nothing, his thumb in his pocket—desist.

And wait.

The King decides when you get an audience.

But when he does give it, prepare to be humbled or floored.

For as kings go, FPJ is disarming.

He does not announce himself with trumpets. Instead, he asks if you want coffee. Nearly always in a white long-sleeved polo—which he believes makes him look classless—he looks directly at you and listens well, which can make you think you're interesting and funny, which can lull you into forgetting he is The King.

Don't.

Nothing can be more improper—or end your audience faster.

You can see it in the way none of the tens of extras in a big scene of "Pakners," his last movie, ever just go up to him to chit-chat. This is no backslapping fellow, unless possibly if he were soused and you were his buddy **Erap**. Even his costars **Jan Isaac, Candy Pangilinan**, and **Tiya Pusit** just stay put in their places chatting. **Oyo Boy Sotto**, also in the film, sticks to his table and deals cards, quietly.

No one is loud around The King. No one can be so disrespectful.

But then again, when The King finally deigns to hold court, he has them all laughing, as vassals would whom royalty allows.

For FPJ is, on a good day, a genial royal. What's more, those good days are, by his own reckoning, more frequent now. For knowing that in his own good mood rests the mood of all, he admits to making himself scarce now when he can't be. Add to this, even when down to two beers on a bad day—say, a day his 64-year-old body has taken a beating in a prolonged sword scene—he remains his own court's best storyteller.

Arms and eyes and shoulders animated, he builds up his tale with drama and quote, geography and description, every one of which he tries to get right every time. I've heard him twice tell the story of "Los Lacuacheros"—a 1957 movie he insists is hands down the biggest bomb of all time, starring him and Erap—and each time, the details held the same way. "*Ano bang pelikula 'yon?*" says he. "*Wala kaming ginawa ni* Erap *kundi maglakad nang maglakad, naka*-suit *pa*!" He's actually consoled **Sharon Cuneta**, coming from the weak showing of "The Lilian Velez Story," by telling her that hers was nothing compared to the shame of his own sorry "Los Lacuacheros."

For The King is a great host, too. Feeds you to death. Even better, feeds you with bloopers and funnies and trivia—none of which advertise his greatness. Now, that's *noblesse oblige*.

This whole king business, of course, comes from his long reign as benefactor and protector. For four decades, through at least six production companies (FPJ, RR, D'Lanor, Jafere, Rosas, and Estrella Pictures), he has made those life-saving jobs happen for his people. The man who dropped out from the University of the East on his second year in high school, to be serious provider for family and clan, is today also serious provider for those in his domain who lose home, family, health, or in some manner fall on hard times.

FPJ is to his people, if not king, then patron saint.

Either way, it has them bowing, loyally.

To the public, this king business is the sum of all the years—48 to be exact, counting from "Anak ni Polaris" in 1955—that the man's name has been up on the marquee, that he's been the mythical Everyman and Hero, that his persona has been cloaked by every passing rumor and mystery and untruth, the lot of which have catapulted him above the crowd, until they crowned him the icon he is today.

THE KING

For, believe it, FPJ is as icons be: Bigger than life.

Big enough to be President?

Talk is that his friend Erap is more desperate now than he ever was. That Erap knows conviction is at hand in a plunder case where both documents and witnesses promise to bury him. That he believes he will lose in the Supreme Court, where such a conviction goes on automatic appeal, what with his lawyers pissing off the justices, including **Chief Hilario Davide**, with calls for them to step down. That his lawyers' rigodon, where they're either always resigning or being fired, is part of his game plan to delay certain conviction. That being so desperate, he picked up a serious role in the Oakland mutiny, the paper trail of which now looks to be leading to **Jinggoy, Laarni**, and **JV**. And that's just for starters.

That being so, the pressure on FPJ to run has mounted.

Will he?

Will The King step down from his lush but tiny kingdom to go for the supreme prize? The prize found only in the grand realm, where the power of pardon resides?

On the two occasions I asked, I clearly think he said no.

Last December, in San Juan, when he was rumored to have met with the brothers **Ronnie** and **Manny Zamora**, Erap's kingmakers and now **Ping Lacson**'s, he said:

"*Nagugulat nga lang ako sa mga nababasa ko tungkol sa akin sa diyaryo. Nakipagkita raw ako? Sino d'un? Minsan sa simbahan, nakita ko isa sa kanila, pero nagbatian lang kami. Nakakagulat ang diyaryo. Kaya nga ba hindi na lang ako umaalis ng bahay kundi kailangan.*"

Last June, in San Francisco del Monte, when the surveys were saying he could go all the way to Malacañang, he said:

"[*Kung manalo*], *ano naman ang gagawin ko r'un?*"

I reminded him of **Dolphy**'s "*ang problema e kung manalo*" line, and he laughed: "'*Yan ang* classic!"

After which he walked out into the street to finish a scene, clearly our biggest movie star, deluged by fans and friends, sycophants and hangers-on, who, dangerously ignoring protocol, press on him to be more than that.

(Jo-Ann Maglipon is currently editor in chief of YES!, an entertainment magazine; member of the advisory board of Newsbreak; and author of the book "Primed," reportage from 1972-1992. In 1998, "Primed" was adjudged one of 10 Best Books of the Decade by the Book Development Association of the Philippines, which conferred on it a Gintong Aklat award. Her column for the INQUIRER *will appear once a week and cover film, radio, television, and related arts.)*

Lea Salonga holds bridal shower on 'Sharon'

SHOW TIME

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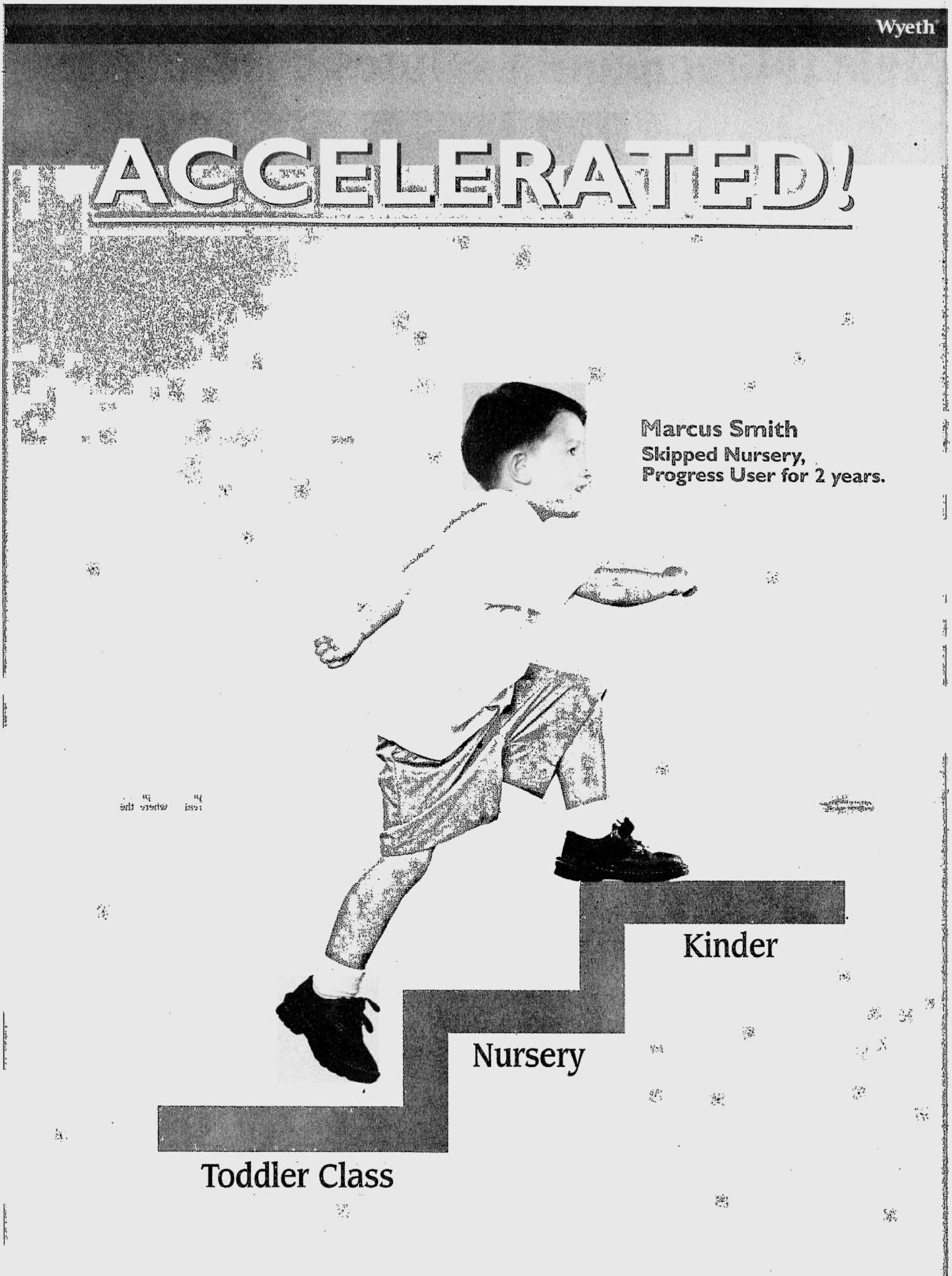
The double celebration starts with Mr. Pure Energy himself when he celebrates both his birthday and his 20th anniversary in show business with Sharon, who also happens to be one of his in-laws.

Gary and Sharon will welcome well-wishers Maricel Laxa, Zsa-Zsa Padilla, Rowell Sangtiago, Louie Ocampo and the Maneouvres. Surprises are also in store for Gary throughout his action-packed half of the episode, as "Sharon" promises to make Gary do things he's never done before.

Later in the hour, "Sharon" will also be testing the homemaking skills of a very accomplished bride-to-be, when Tony-winner Lea holds her exclusive bridal shower on the show.

Many of Lea's real-life friends will be on hand for her *despedida de soltera*, while the show also tests Lea's readiness for married life. Lea will cook, clean up, and receive kinky bridal gifts from her friends.

Join in the double celebration for Gary V and Lea Salonga on "Sharon."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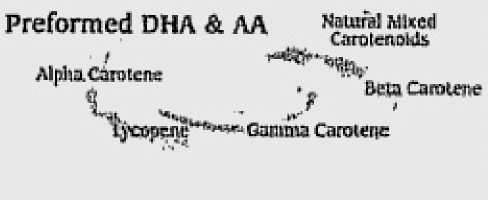
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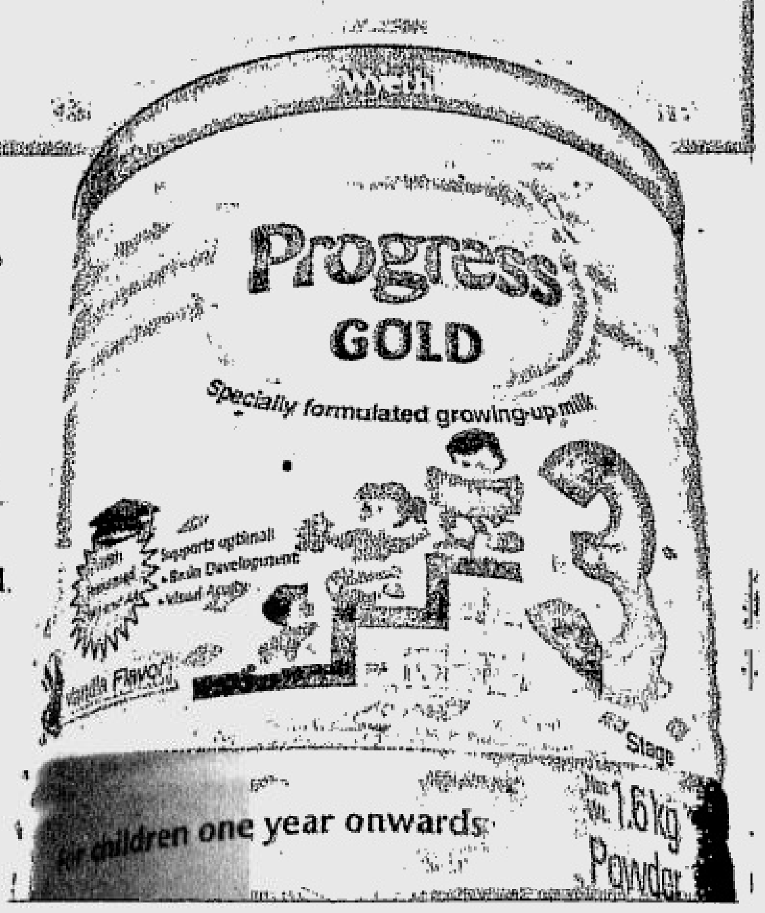
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Makati Cinemanila salutes 'risk-takers'

SHOW STOPPER

By Marinel R. Cruz

FIL-AMERICAN actors Lou Diamon Philips, Tia Carrere and Hollywood dignitary Fritz Freidman are "risk-takers," according to Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon, who gave them a salute for gracing the opening ceremony of the 5th Makati Cinemanila International Film Festival last Thursday.

"We salute all the risk-takers," Gordon said, also referring to the ambassadors and foreign dignitaries who attended the opening rites at Onstage in Greenbelt, Ayala Center. "Their presence inspires Filipinos to rise after every fall. Crises can be used as a medium to make our movie industry grow."

Gordon, who was guest speaker at the opening ceremony, said the best Filipino movies were produced after a crisis. He cited Tay Garnett's 1943 film "Bataan" as an example.

"With Secretary Gordon's speech, I'm tempted to call myself `Coup' Diamond Phillips," Phillips quipped.

The actor, Friedman, who is vice president of Tristar Pictures, and Carrere were the night's guest of honor. Phillips' Filipino mother, Lucita, attended the ceremony with him.

Fighting for rights

The Filipino-American artists were honored with lifetime achievement awards for their contributions in aiding Filipino war veterans. The awards were also given to producer Dean Devlin and comedian Rob Schneider, who reportedly begged off from attending the film festival, held just two weeks after the military takeover of Oakwood Premier Hotel, which is a stone's throw away from the Greenbelt area.

"I thank President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for continuously fighting for the rights of Filipino war veterans with us," said Phillips. "We all have to be involved. We cannot just sit back and allow everything to pass by without us."

Phillips, Friedman, Carrere, Schneider and Devlin are ardent supporters of US Resolution No. 4904, the Health Care for Filipino World War II Veterans Act.

US President George W. Bush signed the resolution into law last year.

Actress and Lipa City Mayor Vilma Santos, whose film career spans several decades starting when she was 9 in "Trudis Liit," also received a lifetime achievement award on Thursday.

Indonesian actress and activist Christine Hakim was also a recipient of a lifetime achievement award for her outstanding career in Indonesian cinema and her pioneering efforts in improving the lives of the underprivileged in her country. But she was not able to attend the ceremony due to an earlier commitment.

She worked hard

Carrere, the first Filipino-American actress to become a Hollywood star, appearing with the likes of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sean Connery in the movies, said her rise to stardom had been difficult.

"It was not easy fighting prejudice against the color of our skin," she said as she accepted her award. "I work hard to represent you out there."

Carrere, who was born to a Filipino father from Cebu, has more than 40 movies to her name and a hit US television series, "Relic Hunter."

Phillips dedicated his award to his mother, saying "I'd like to believe that I'm one of her lifetime achievements."

The actor, who was born in Subic Bay Freeport in Zambales, starred in "The Big Hit," "Bats," "La Bamba," and played with A-list actors Denzel Washington and Meg Ryan in "Courage Under Fire."

FIGHTING FORM. "It was not easy fighting prejudice against the color of our skin," says Carrere.

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Also present during the ceremony was Filipino-American director Gene Cajayon. His feature film "The Debut" is the first Filipino-American movie released by Sony Pictures. It was shown for the first time in the Philippines as the opening film of the festival. *(See review next page).*

80 films

As a tribute to their achievements in cinema, the screening of the films of Phillips, Carrere, Schneider and Devlin will be part of this year's film festival.

The 2003 MCIFF will be held until Aug. 24 at the Greenbelt cinemas in Makati City. A total of 80 films from 30 countries will be featured in the festival.

"It started with only more than 30 films," said Makati Mayor Jejomar Binay. "The increase in the number of films is indicative of the growing trust of international and local filmmakers to this endeavor."

The MCIFF is an annual project of Makati City and the Independent Cinema Association of the Philippines founded by filmmaker Amable "Tikoy" Aguiluz VI.

This year, the festival will pay tribute to two award-winning Filipino directors—Jeffrey Jeturian ("Tuhog") and Lav Diaz ("Batang West Side").

Critically acclaimed films "Y Tu Mama Tambien" and "Blissfully Yours," which were disapproved last week by the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB) for sex and nudity, were approved last Wednesday on their second review.

The Cinemanila website (www.cinemanila.com.ph) will release the complete list of film screening schedules this week.

Makati Rep. Agapito "Butz" Aquino co-hosted the event with Ilocos Norte Rep. Imee Marcos.

ALL-SEASON STARS. Phillips with lifetime achievement awardee Vilma Santos.

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Also present on opening night were Sen. Tito Sotto, Batangas City Rep. Ralph Recto, National Artist for Film Eddie Romero, filmmakers Joel Lamangan, Elwood Perez, Laurice Guillen, Boots Plata, Chito Roño, Joey Romero, Gil Portes, Marilou Diaz-Abaya and Eddie Garcia; and actors Tirso Cruz III, Gina Alajar, Rez Cortez, Joel Torre, Raymond Bagatsing, Johnny Delgado, Carlo Maceda and Julianna Palermo.

MEG Ex-girlfriend ni Winston, best friend ni Lance.
LANCE Pati pang in love kay Meg.
WINSTON Older twin ni Wilson, nanliligaw kay Sharon.
SHARON Fashion model, Ate ni Sheryl.
SHERYL Aspiring actress na may gusto kay Pippo.
WILSON Kakambal ni Winston, dead na dead kay Pippo.
PIPPO Hunk na best buddy ni Wilson.
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Endearingly kooky characters in 'Nemo'

IT'S EASY to see why Disney's latest animated feature, "Finding Nemo," has become a hit. Its best suits are the limpidly beautiful and credible visualization of its many scenes involving the ocean, and its endearingly kooky characters.

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

The water sequences deftly capture all of the varied, shifting moods of the ocean, from smooth and inscrutable as the surface of a mirror, to widely roiling, boiling in a storm at sea.

After a while, however, all of these aqueous marvels tend to come off as merely technical achievements, so storytelling and characterization have to take over.

Truth to tell, the storytelling in "Finding Nemo" is on the slim side—gaunt, even. Marlin, a clown fish, has lost his entire family to a rampaging barracuda, except for one son whom he names Nemo. Due to his massive trauma, Marlin becomes an ultra-cautious dad, driving Nemo crazy, preventing him from playing with the other young 'uns, and going to school.

The time comes, however, when Nemo insists on getting an education, so his dad is forced to let him go—with the strict caveat that he stays close to the shallows at all times. But little fish will be little fish, so Nemo soon finds himself in deep waters, where an Australian diver nets him for his aquarium back home.

Naturally, Marlin is devastated. With the help of a friendly fish named Dory, however, he finds a way to locate his son, who's feeling lonely and scared in an aquarium in a dentist's office near Sydney harbor.

Unknown to Marlin, Nemo's new friends in the aquarium are trying to escape, because the dentist's brat of a niece is about to claim Nemo for her own, thus taking him even farther away from his father's reach.

Everything comes to a head when a helpful pelican takes Marlin in his beak's ample pouch, to finally get reunited with his long-lost son. After this happiest of all endings, Marlin realizes, as all parents must, that he can't keep Nemo absolutely safe despite all of the precautions he takes. So he finally cuts him some slack and allows him to live a normal life.

As you can see, the story is charming, but not very textured. To make up for this, the animated feature's creators have come up with interesting sea creatures to keep Nemo and Marlin in entertaining company throughout their long voyage.

Dory, Marlin's blue tang friend, is particularly droll, because she has an exceedingly brief memory span. In other words, five seconds after seeing, hearing or doing anything, she completely forgets about it! This lapse gets them into trouble any number of times, and accounts for some of the movie's funnier scenes.

Dory compensates for this "defect" with a similarly entertaining skill: She is conversant at whalespeak! It's amusing to hear her moaning and groaning and "ping-ing" in order to talk to whales, to get them out of some tight spots.

Other funny sea creatures include three sharks on "fish withdrawal"—meaning, they've heroically decided to be kind to their fellow sea creatures and no longer eat fish.

Also diverting are a wise, old turtle and its frisky little son. On the whole, however, the aquarium scenes don't have creatures that are as interesting, so they are less eventful than the scenes set in the ocean.

This is unfortunate, because Nemo is supposed to be the lead character in this movie. As the film pans out, however, it's Marlin who gets the best moments, partly because he interacts with more interesting characters.

Despite this and other quibbles, "Finding Nemo" is an entertaining romp. Dive right in, the (animated) water's fine!

'Asia Now'

ON Aug. 11, CNN launches its new primetime evening news program, "Asia Now" (at 7 and 10 p.m., Philippine time). Co-anchored by **Andrew Stevens** and **Veronica Pedrosa**, the new program brings viewers a comprehensive mix of news, information and business stories, with live breaking news and updates from CNN's international correspondents.

Three premieres

DWLL-FM Mellow Touch 94.7 premieres three highly anticipated movies this month: Aug. 10, "Finding Nemo," Disney's biggest hit for 2003. Lead characters are voiced by **Albert Brooks, Alexander Gould** and **Ellen Degeneres.** At Cinema 2, Robinson's Galleria.

Aug. 18, "The Italian Job" with **Mark Wahlberg** and **Charlize Theron.** After pulling off a huge gold bullion heist, the mastermind (Wahlberg) is shocked to discover that there's a double-crosser in his team. At Cinema 6, Robinson's Galleria.

And on Aug. 25, "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde." **Reese Witherspoon's** hit character heads for Washington DC to get an anti-animal testing bill passed. At SM Megamall's Cinema 1.

All you have to do is to stay tuned to Mellow Touch and, at the deejay's signal, call up and win an invitation to these premieres.

Celebrating the Pinoy

REVIEW

By Ruben M. Cruz Jr.
Contributor

AN AMERICAN friend of mine who used to teach at an elite university here liked to begin the semester by asking his class to write an essay answering the question, "Who are you?"

It's both a simple and complex question, he says. But oddly enough, no one in class ever began his paper by saying, "I am a Filipino." It puzzles him no end why this is so.

I thought about this as I was watching "The Debut," touted as the first Hollywood feature film that celebrates the flowering of Filipino talent both in front of and behind the camera. The film offers a compelling, vivid and at times funny portrait of the full gamut of Filipino immigrants' experiences, speaking forcefully about their generational differences, cross-cultural confusions, expectations, hopes, and the pain caused by misunderstanding and lack of communication within their communities and families.

Labor of love

It is more than a likeable first effort from writer/director Gene Cajayon and co-writer John Manal Castro. With a shoestring budget, they, together with the mostly Filipino cast and crew, worked for eight years to bring "The Debut" to the screen. Despite the difficulties, they managed to load this labor of love with lots of heart and lots of life. It's the kind of film that would touch and entertain audiences regardless of race or geography. But this is something truly special for a Filipino.

It is not everyday that you get to see Filipino actors land meaty and complex roles in Hollywood films. We're treated to the occasional sight of a Filipino in a bit part here and there, playing someone Asian but with no specific ethnicity. Most of the time, it's almost incredulous not to find a single Filipino in a Hollywood film, especially considering that the Filipino community is one of the largest ethnic minorities in America. When the setting, for instance, is in a hospital, shouldn't there be at least one Filipino nurse for the sake of realism?

We've got so many talented Filipino actors and filmmakers in the US serving as sorry examples of unfulfilled potential. Few casting directors and producers seem prepared to take them on. Watching "The Debut" makes you want to hug yourself in delight.

Coconut

The emotional fulcrum of the film is a character named Ben Mercado (Dante Basco), a Filipino teener born and bred in the US, particularly in Los Angeles, California. Like most teenagers, Ben just wants to fit in, and he thinks the best way to do so is by embracing the sometimes intoxicating, sometimes obnoxious American-ness, at the cost of denouncing everything about his Filipino heritage.

Hence, he doesn't speak Filipino and his true-blue buddies are a couple of Caucasian guys (well, one of them is supposedly Latino, but he looks like a dark-haired Caucasian) whom he doesn't even invite to his home for fear that they might get to know his family and his real life. In American slang, he's what is called a coconut: brown on the outside, white on the inside.

Ben's family, particularly his mother (Gina Alajar) and his sister Rose, can only roll their eyes and sigh at his cultural prejudices, but his father, Roland (Tirso Cruz III) is much less tolerant. A postal

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A JUICY STORY!

MARYA AT PAMILYA "GALIT-GALIT"

"Galit-galit" muna! -Marya

Nabalitaan namin na wala raw nagkikibuan sa bahay ng Diamond Star na si Maricel Soriano pag oras na ng kainan. At ang nababalitang dahilan: SWIFT JUICY CORNED BEEF.

Kaya naman minabuti namin na pumunta sa bahay ng naturang aktres sa oras ng hapunan para alamin ang katotohanan.

Pagdating sa tahanan ng respetadong aktres, katahimikan ang sumalubong sa amin. Ang tanging naririnig lang ay ang tunog ng mga kubyertos na tumatama sa plato.

Hindi namin nakunan ng pahayag si Marya dahil hindi rin kami pinansin kahit panay ang katok namin. Kaya kapitbahay na lang niya na si Michael Tagpolano ang aming kinausap. Aniya, "Ganon talaga don, tahimik 'pag kainan, pero 'pag hindi kainan, ang ingay." Binalikan namin ang bahay ni Marya at natiempuhan namin ang isa sa mga kasambahay, si Annabel.

Tinanong namin siya kung bakit tahimik ang Soriano residence sa mga sandaling iyon at kung gaano kadalas nangyayari ang di-pagpapansinan nina Marya at ng kanyang pamilya.

Kagulat-gulat na ngiti ang sagot niya. "Haay! Mga riportir talaga. Walang gulo rito. Ganyan talaga sila pag Swift Juicy Corned Beef ang ulam. Galit-galit muna sila."

Ganon talaga kasarap ang Swift Juicy Corned Beef. Mas pinajuicy kaya mas lasang beef kaya mapa-artista o hindi, talagang galit-galit muna.

"Ganyan lang sila 'pag Swift Juicy Corned Beef ang ulam. Galit-galit muna sila." - Annabel

Swift
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Ang dahilan ng lahat!

Celebrating the Pinoy

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worker who personifies the typical story of the Filipino immigrant who has worked long and hard so that his children can reap the benefits of life in America, Roland wants only the best for Ben and Rose. The trouble is, Ben insists on a view of life that is not his father's.

Tension

Circumventing the dictates of Roland, Ben has decided to give up his pre-med scholarship at UCLA in order to study at Cal Arts and pursue his dream to become a comic-book artist, which his father thinks is fine as a hobby but impractical as a profession.

The tension .between father and son reaches fever pitch when Ben decides to come clean and tell Roland what he's done.

As in most cases, the culmination of the family crisis happens during a party, Rose's debut party, where the whole clan and their friends come to celebrate, including Roland's father (Eddie Garcia), who as it turns out also shares a tempestuous relationship with his son. There, all the jealousies, secrets, buried pain and unexpressed sentiments come to the fore. There also, Ben begins to reevaluate the cultural chasm between his being American and his being Filipino.

Identity

"The Debut" constantly builds upon the significance of family and cultural heritage in defining one's identity. The filmmakers, no doubt because of their real life experiences, do a good job of documenting the actual conflicts that exist between immigrant parents and their Americanized children. Each scene has meaning not only because of what comes before it but what it adds to the story. There are real moments and real emotions involved, and everything about the film comes off with the kind of unblemished honesty and unashamed sentimentality that are uniquely Filipino traits.

Another welcome attraction is the film's use of self-deprecating humor in its refusal to be sanctimonious. It often makes fun of Filipinos who are more Americans than Americans, but the context in. their doing so is never lost on the audience.

Dante Basco is tailor-made for the role of Ben. I read that he played one of the Lost Boys in "Hook," the Peter Pan movie with Robin Williams in the title role, but I really can't recall his face (of course, he was but a kid during the time). Basco nicely embodies the conflict in Ben's character with no evidence of over- or underacting.

Tirso Cruz III is dead-on as the ultra-conservative father who's had to temper his own passions and dreams, even eat his pride, just so he could provide for his family and make life better for his children. There's an undercurrent of pathos in Roland that would strike a chord in any parent's heart, making him very much the other emotional center of the film.

Entrancing

The rest of the cast deliver entrancing performances, though local audiences would naturally be unfamiliar to the host of Fil-Am talents in the film. It's a pity though that Garcia and Alajar are not given extended roles so they could showcase their acting chops.

"The Debut" transcends criticism. A lot of times, we leave a theater after watching a movie wondering about all that we didn't get to see. But there's no danger of that here. This one is as real as it gets, a perfect mesh between cinema and the imperfect world we live in.

THEATER MOVIE GUIDE

MANILA	
EASTERN	
MAXIM	CLOSED
MIRAMAR	SEX BOMB / RAMPADORA
ODEON	X-MEN 2
ODEON-2	BUKID AY BASA / KASIBULAN
ROBEN	BOLD STAR
TANDEM-1	SUGAT
TANDEM-2	KATAWAN MO LANGIT KO
TIMES	SPY - LEGEND OF CROCODILE
QUEZON CITY	
ACT-1	SENSUAL ISLAND
ACT-2	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
ACT-3	ORIGINAL SIN
ACT-4	HANGGANG KAILAN KA PAPATAY
CORONET A	MOTEL
CORONET B	A MAN APART
QUEZON-1	BERTUD NG PUTIK
REMAR	X-MEN 2
REMAR-2	BOLD STAR
NOVA MALL - NOVALICHES CINEMA	
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B	SNAKE LADY
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CINEMA-2	MOTEL
CINEMA-3	SA PILING NG MGA BELYAS
CINEMA-4 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	BAD BOYS 2
CINEMA-5 (DTS)	TERMINATOR 3
CINEMA-6	LIGAYA PANTASYA NG BAYAN
CINEMA-7	SENSUAL ISLAND
CINEMA-8	MASAMANG UGAT
CINEMA-9 (DTS)	TOMB RAIDER 2
CINEMA-10 (DOLBY DIGITAL)	BAD BOYS 2
CINEMA-11 (SDDS)	THE IN-LAWS
CINEMA-12	BULLETPROOF MONK
CINEMA-14	SNAKE LADY
CINEMA-15	NAKED WEAPON
LORES	
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CINEMA-3	KAYA KO PERO MASAKIT
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CINEMA 1	[illegible]
CINEMA 2	TOMB RAIDER 2
CINEMA 3	DOWN WITH LOVE
CINEMA 4	BULLETPROOF MONK
UNIWIDE COASTAL MALL	
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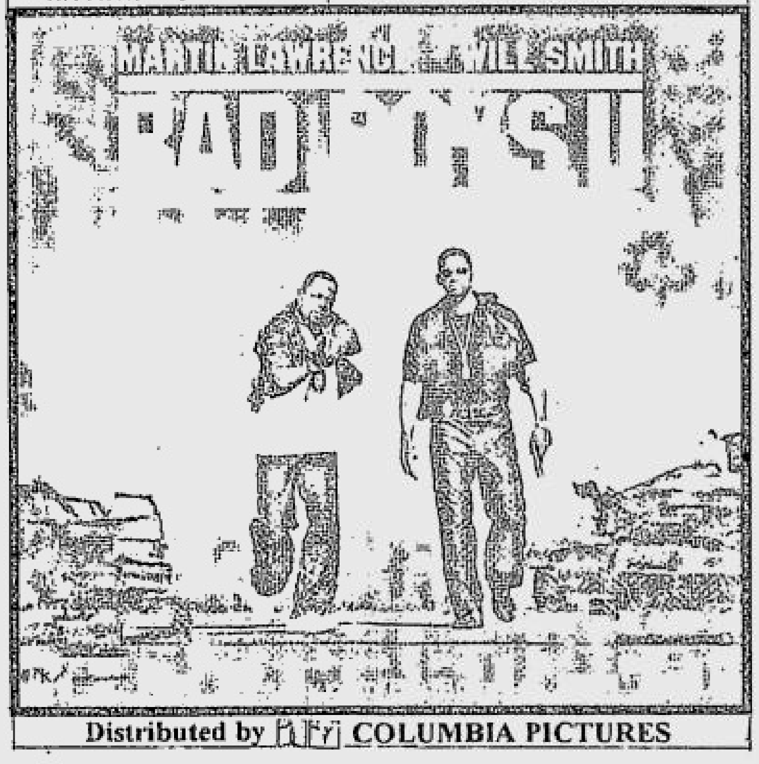

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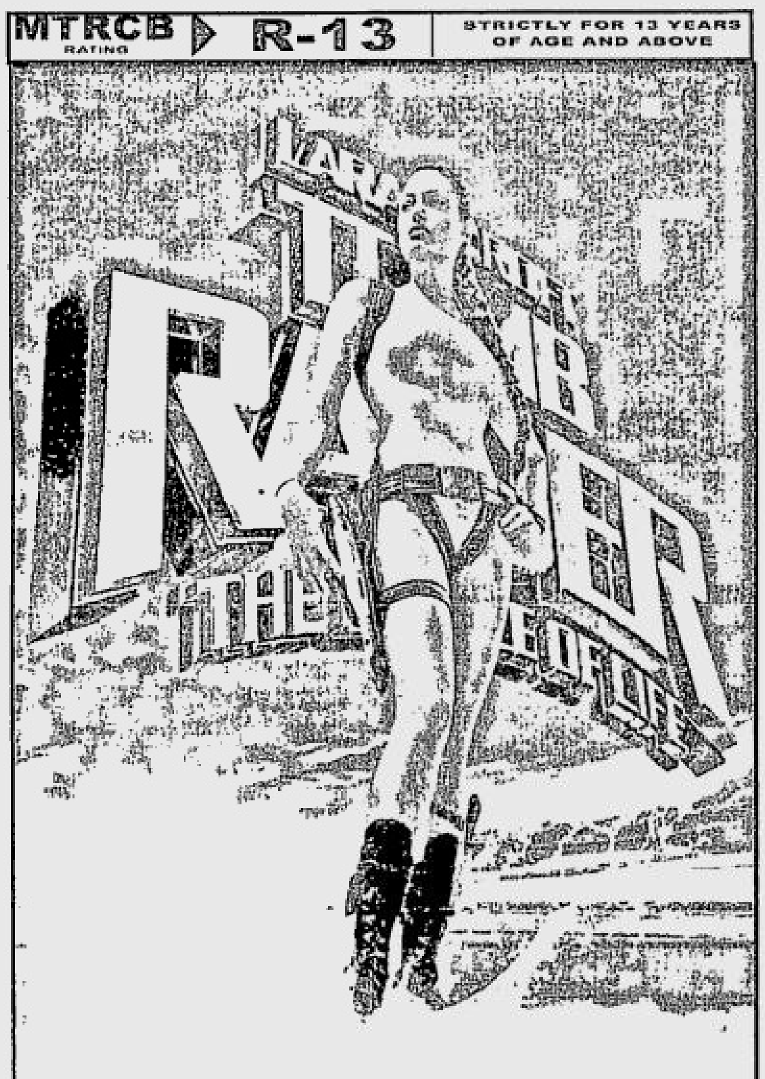
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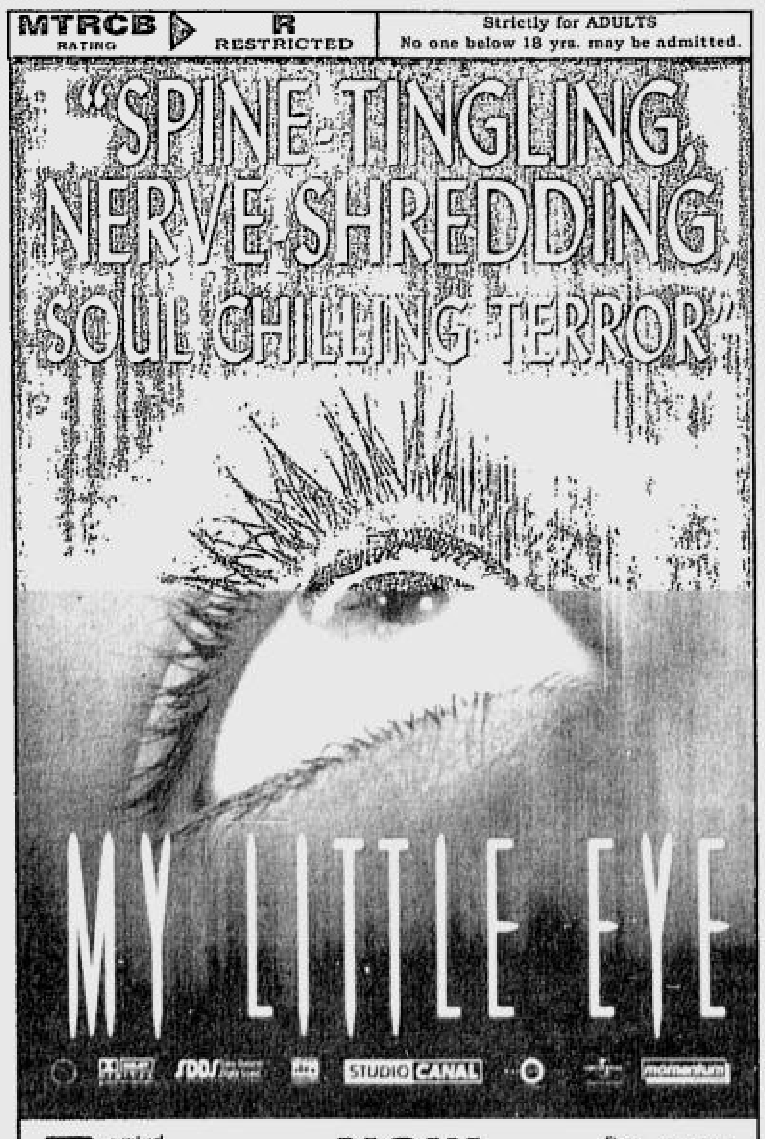

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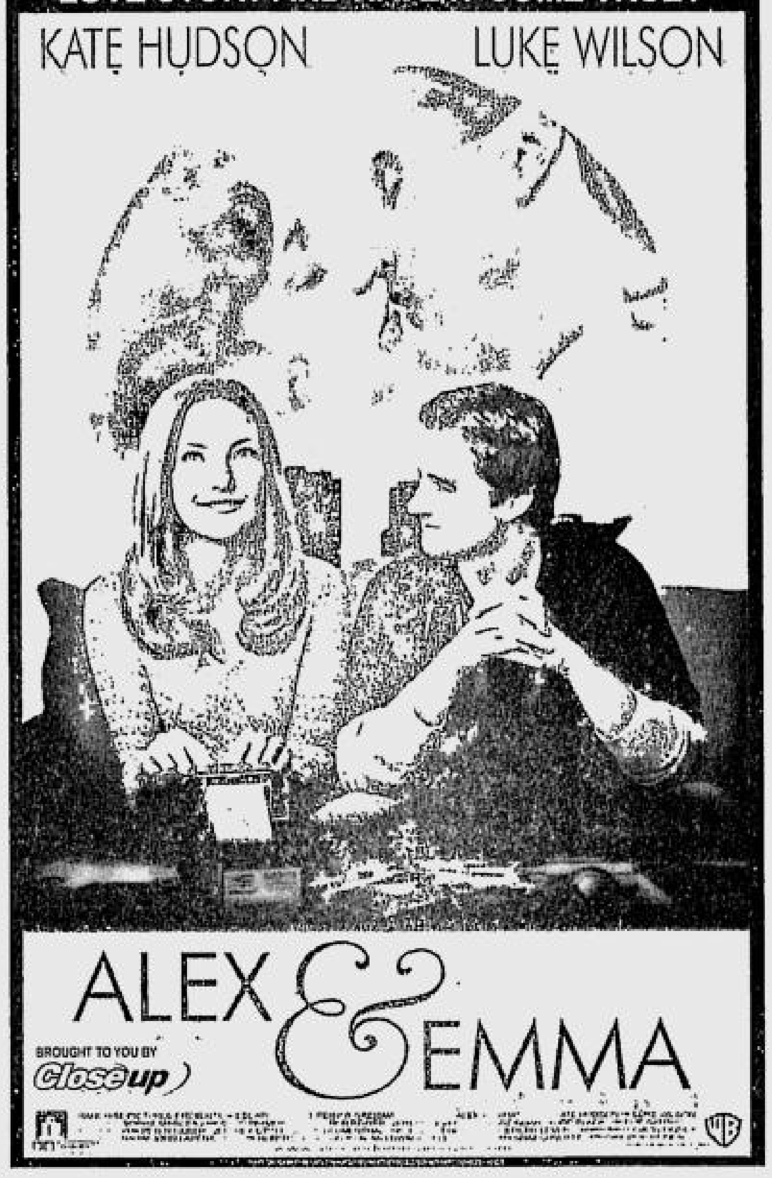

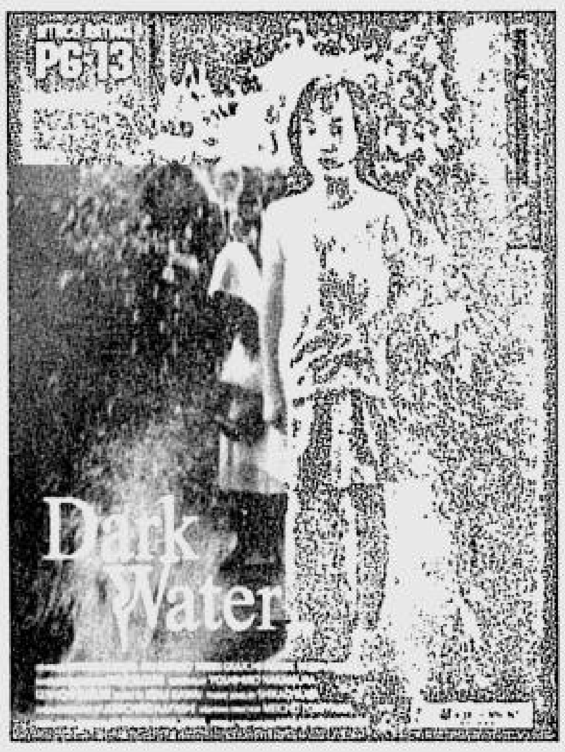

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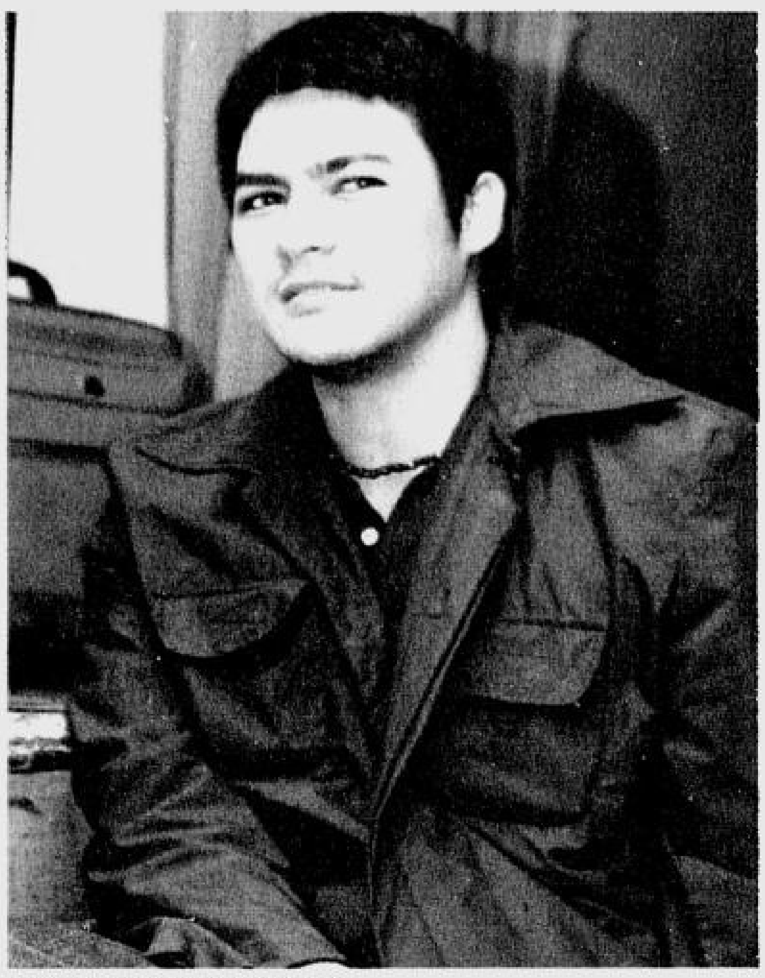

"I'M BETTER now," says Jomari.

Jomari: I had to sell . . .

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man being again. But he claimed that Aiko had also hit him whenever they fought.

"After a fight, my shirt would be torn to pieces," he said. "She also hurt me."

First and last

He couldn't recall exactly the first time he went out with Ara and the last time she saw her.

"I think this was last May," he said of when she first took out the actress. "I don't know the date, but it was near her birthday. She wanted to go out, so I took her out. We had dinner at Prince Albert, but I brought her home after that."

The last time he was with Ara was two weeks ago when she invited him to be a guest in her show at Ratsky's in Malate, Manila. There was also the one time he brought her to Clark in Pampanga to meet the directors and the CEO of Clark Development Corp.

"They wanted to meet her and she agreed to come," said the actor. "She wanted to relax. That's all."

Jomari admitted that his friendship with Ara had driven his ex-wife Aiko into fits of jealousy.

"You know, the two are at war with each other," he claimed. "Aiko has her own story, so does Ara. They should just have confronted each other. Then things would not have been as messy."

Talking mood

He refused to take anyone's side in the controversy.

"If I talked on behalf of Ara, I would be completely contradicting what Aiko has been saying all along," he said, skirting the issues. "The same thing would happen if I talked for Aiko. So I just don't talk about it. I'm caught in between.

"That's why I felt relieved after the annulment. Aiko got what she wanted when she got the annulment."

Known for giving monosyllabic answers even to the most complicated questions, Jomari was in a talking mood during this interview.

"You can ask me anything, and we can talk about anything you like," he prodded this writer. "You want to talk about Aiko, about Ara? Just ask."

Couldn't he save his marriage?

"I tried. I groveled. I gave my best to save whatever it was I wanted to save, the marriage, the family. But it did not end the way I wanted it to end.

"What happened was, (Aiko) didn't want to make a go of it anymore. So what could I do? It was that simple."

Breakup meeting

Jomari claimed that it was Aiko who broke up with him. The breakup came when he was standing as best man at a good friend's wedding.

"This was in April, after Aiko had won the election," he recalled. "I was in this wedding and Aiko kept calling me on the cell phone. She said it was an emergency, a meeting with (Quezon City) Mayor Sonny Belmonte. I asked her if I could finish the ceremony first, but she said no. She wanted to me to go to her right awar."

He left the wedding without finishing the ceremony and met with Aiko in a restaurant in Libis, Quezon City.

"We talked," he said. "That's how the marriage ended. We parted that way. We talked about my leaving everything I had acquired with her and our son. I left her my cars, real estate, other properties. I would have left her all my money if I had any. But I was broke then. I only asked her for my shares in (Tagaytay) Highlands."

Drinking with Herbert

Almost at the same time that Jomari lost his wife and son, the actor also lost his father, who had died shortly before he split up with Aiko. He felt so alone that he went home to his mother, Vicky, who he felt needed to be consoled like him.

"We are both healing each other now," said Jomari.

He also almost lost his son, Andre,' 5, whose sole custody was awarded to Aiko. But the judge in their case gave him visitation rights.

Jomari said he takes out Andre and brings him to school whenever he has the time. During one of their jaunts, and as he brought him home to Aiko, he saw his ex-wife drinking with Quezon City Vice Mayor Herbert Bautista, a movie actor himself.

"I can't confirm (if they're involved)," Jomari said, "and I'm embarrassed to ask them. That time when Herbert was in the house, he and Aiko were drinking. I had to carry my son up to his room, but Andre woke up and went down. I followed him, and Aiko and Herbert asked me to drink with them. I couldn't refuse them. It was okay."

Walking wounded

Two years ago, the actor, who also works as a race car driver for a team owned by a Japanese car maker, walked out of a totally wrecked car in the championship round of a race in Batangas. With only winning in mind, he pushed his car to the limit of its performance, so that it turned turtle and was airborne long enough for another driver to pass underneath the vehicle.

Jomari walked away from the crash unscathed. The one thought in his mind was there was no spare car for him to finish the race with. But when he was already resting in the paddocks after the race, he realized he could have died.

If he walked out of this accident unhurt, Jomari walked out of his marriage in pain.

He was no longer the tough guy when he talked about Aiko and Andre.

Does he miss Aiko?

"Do I miss her? Good question. I still think of her. She is the mother of my son. That way, she will always be someone I would care for.

"Andre? I miss him everyday."

'This is not play, this is praise'

REVIEW

NOT WORK, but ministry, says Gary V.

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

"IT'S a Christian concert," Gary Valenciano boldly declared, barely three songs into the show "Beyond Words," held two Saturday nights ago at the United Evangelical Church of the Philippines in Sta. Cruz, Manila.

The theme should've easily driven away agnostics or non-Christians like myself and my companion, but our curiosity was piqued: How is this different from the other Gary V concerts?

Undeniably, a big number of dyed-in-the-wool fans came to the UECP show not because they wanted to be converted into the Christian faith, but because they wanted to see this iconic star performing his popular hits live.

The church was packed, and if anybody was disappointed or unaware of the show's God-centric nature, nobody protested.

And it's not as if the audience doesn't listen to this kind of music. Christian music transcends all styles. From rap to rock, reggae to bluegrass, the message of selflessness is there. Artists like Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith have been internationally recognized as successful adult-contemporary singers with thinly veiled Gospel lyrics.

Youth-oriented bands like Jars of Clay and Sixpence None the Richer both have alternative rock leanings and have produced eclectic-sounding songs. They have developed lyrically, becoming less self-agonizing and more openly metaphorical about the metaphysical.

This soft-sell works, and translates nicely to diverse listeners. Gary V's music, at least the songs that get played and performed here, are a mixed bag of both to-the-point Sunday worship hymns as well as subtler, inspirational tunes.

After a few numbers by the talented opening acts Pam G. and the UECP Choir, a screen measuring approximately 8 feet by 10 feet showed a video montage of children (Valenciano's nieces, nephews and daughter) innocently answering the question "Why is God so important to you?" Mr. Pure Energy himself immediately followed this up with his first upbeat song-and-dance performance of the night, a surreal sight to behold.

The man has 10 times more presence in person. By the third song, his rendition of "Lupa," the audience had cozied up to the familiar mellow tune, and the laid-back atmosphere. Bathed in cool blue lights, Valenciano sang away soulfully while the screen behind him showed glimpses of the song's video, intercut with real-time footage of his performance. Between songs, he talked about his life before and after he became a born-again Christian, revealing a well-versed verbal storyteller.

He communicated calmly and a bit humorously, building a rapport with his audience by talking about his failings and imperfections. Songs were bridged by his insightful segues about his life as an artist and a family man, his work with Unicef, and so on. In this time of "technological trends and F4," he said with Gary V earnestness, people would always need spirituality through God.

Guest singer Tricia Amper-Jimenez performed a duet with musical director and singer Mon Faustino, and eventually with Valenciano himself. The concert became "interactive" when lyrics to several songs were shown on the screen. "Lord I Lift Your Name on High," "Trading My Sorrows," "My Redeemer Lives" and "Touching Heaven, Changing Earth" were as a lively medley and most people in the audience sang along and danced. This was followed by another medley of four songs.

It really was a Christian concert, and as expected, the singer's invitation to "accept Jesus as one's personal lord and savior" drew many youngsters forth in prayer around the semi-circular stage. The pace became pulsatingly rhythmic once again with "Sa Yahweh ang Sayaw" and "Hataw Na," the stage now bathed in four vibrant, flashing colors.

His final three songs were the moving ballads "Warrior is a Child," "Could You be Messiah?" and "Kailangan Kita," for a total of 25 songs overall in three hours. "Beyond Words" celebrated the UECP's 74th year, and Valenciano gleefully suggested a few times that next year's anniversary show should be entitled "In Hymn." His energetic performance, as well as the performance of the five-man band and the two backup singers, were infectious and heartfelt. "This is not work, this is ministry," Gary V clarified early in the show. "This is not play, this is praise."

The aptly titled "Beyond Words" wasn't overly preachy. It worked as a universal celebration that didn't alienate people of other beliefs, and its message of optimism transmitted itself through reverberating music that affected the viewer positively beyond mere words.

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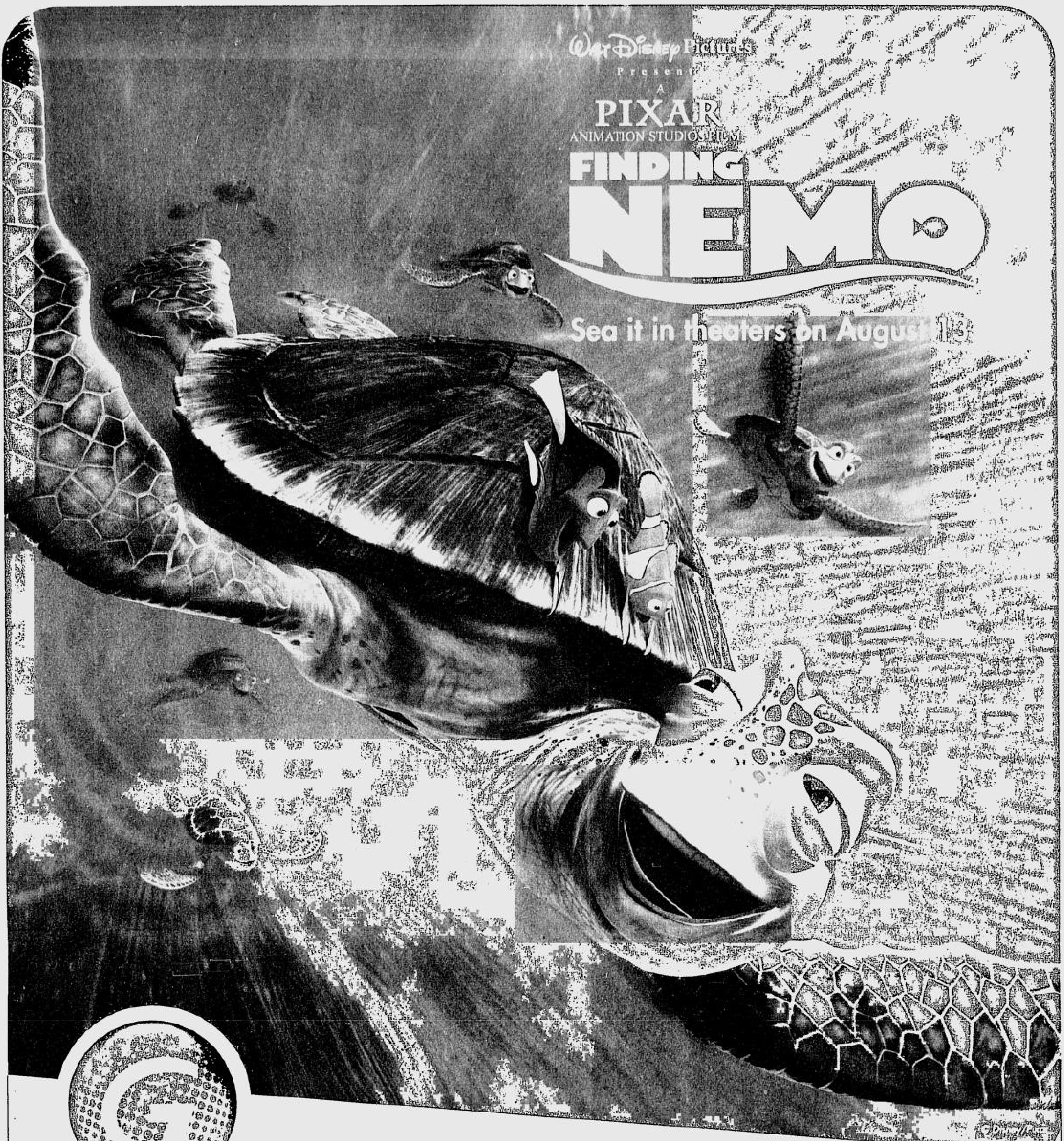

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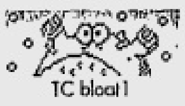
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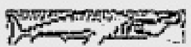
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Blissful in Baguio

BUTTERFLY. Derrick Correa and Che Ram aren't real-life sweethearts, but don't they look so good together? For their "altar date," she is wearing a gown by Eddie Baddeo made of illusion tulle embroidered with metallic thread. He wears a black English wool tuxedo by Bergamo.

The trees may be disappearing due to poor urban planning and untrammeled development, but the City of Pines remains a wedding destination

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Chito Vecina

WHEN it comes to wedding and honeymoon destinations, few places, if any, can match the unique magic and romance that Baguio weaves. For decades, the city's cool climate and picturesque vistas have lured countless generations of friends, families and lovers eager to forge or strengthen ties while taking a breather from the hustle and bustle of city life.

Although urban plagues haven't spared Baguio, making it lose part of its appeal against such rivals as Boracay, Subic, Tagaytay and even Hong Kong, the City of Pines has again secured its place of late as the most preferred venue of wedding-bound couples.

Baguio's movers and shakers sum up the reasons for the resurgence: it's because of the availability of affordable yet decent wedding packages. According to an article by Vincent Cabreza, which came out in this paper's business features section (6/13/03), an average wedding in Metro Manila can set a couple back by P500,000. And that covers only Baguio flowers, caterers and the reception venue. No gown and tuxedo yet, mind you.

In contrast, a lavish Baguio wedding can cost a couple from P100,000 to P300,000 with the benefits of "nature's free air-conditioning and the absence of Metro Manila's traffic jams." For one, flowers such as stargazers, carnations, roses and orchids are cheap and readily available all-year round.

Cabreza quoted Gigi Ozaeta Maranan, who, together with fashion designer Cynthia Tabora Tuazon, owns and manages Heaven's Touch, a leading wedding planner in Baguio.

Like its Manila-based counterparts, Heaven's Touch has been doing its bit to lessen the hassles couples encounter on their way to the altar, helping them iron out every detail—from the designers, photographers, stylists, florists, cake makers, down to the caterers.

Wedding industry

The resurgence of Baguio as a wedding destination has spawned a number of homegrown but seasoned stylists, photographers and floral arrangers (two Baguio-based talents helped us in this fashion shoot). Of course, a dream wedding won't be complete without a world-class venue such as Camp John Hay to stage it in.

Tucked in a sloping terrain with pine trees, the former summer hideaway of American military personnel in the Philippines is now said to be one of the most preferred wedding and honeymoon venues in the city. And it's easy to see why.

Even before Aga Muhlach and Charlene Gonzales chose the camp's clubhouse for their wedding reception, John Hay, which is now managed by a private company, has been attracting a fair share of the city's wedding market.

Future couples now have more reasons to consider John Hay for their wedding and reception. Except for a few notable additions, particularly the four-story Aspen-inspired Camp John Hay Manor, the sprawling area seems to have been frozen in time, untouched by Baguio's alarming rapid urbanization.

"It's one of the last places that still looks

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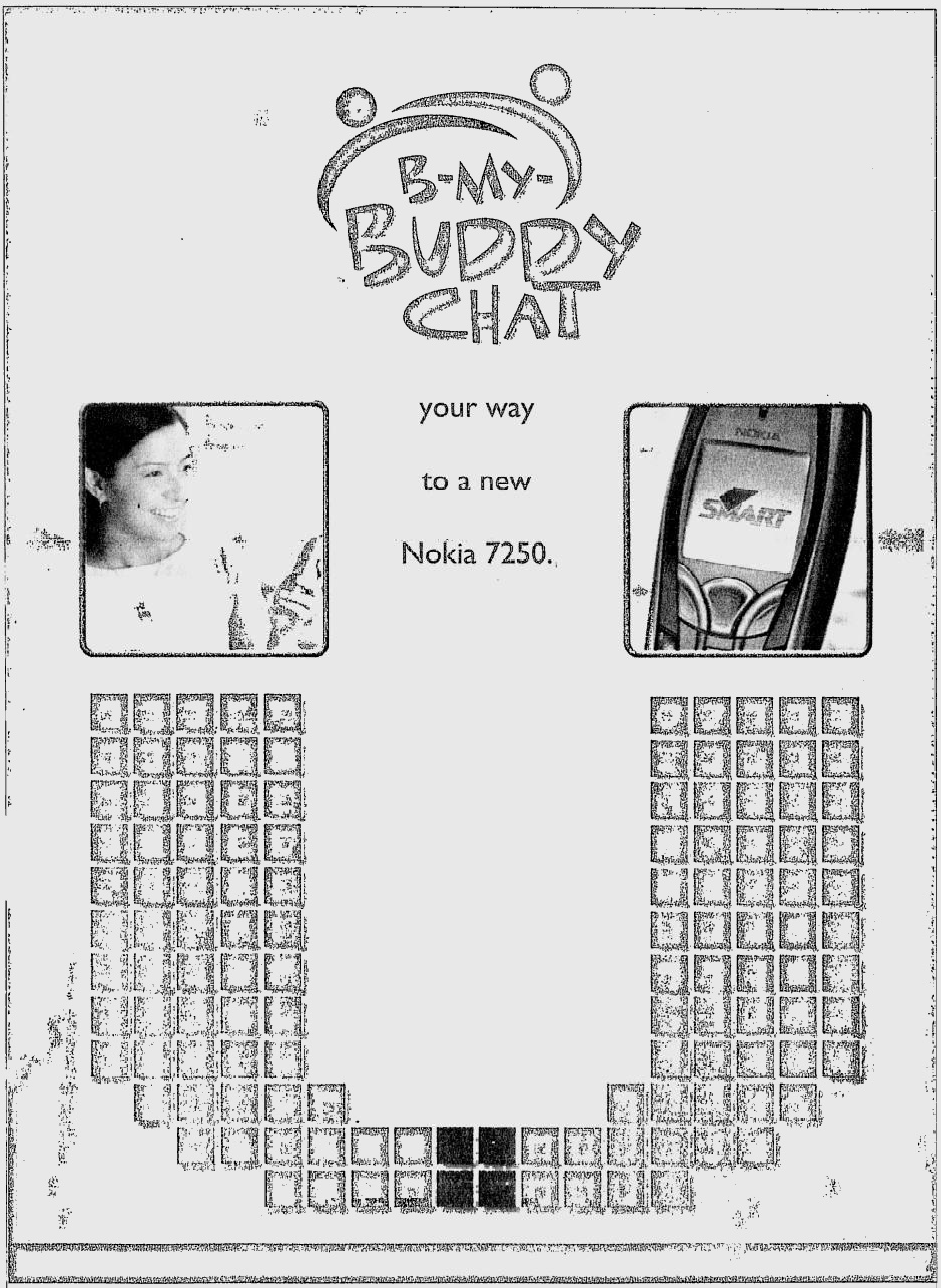

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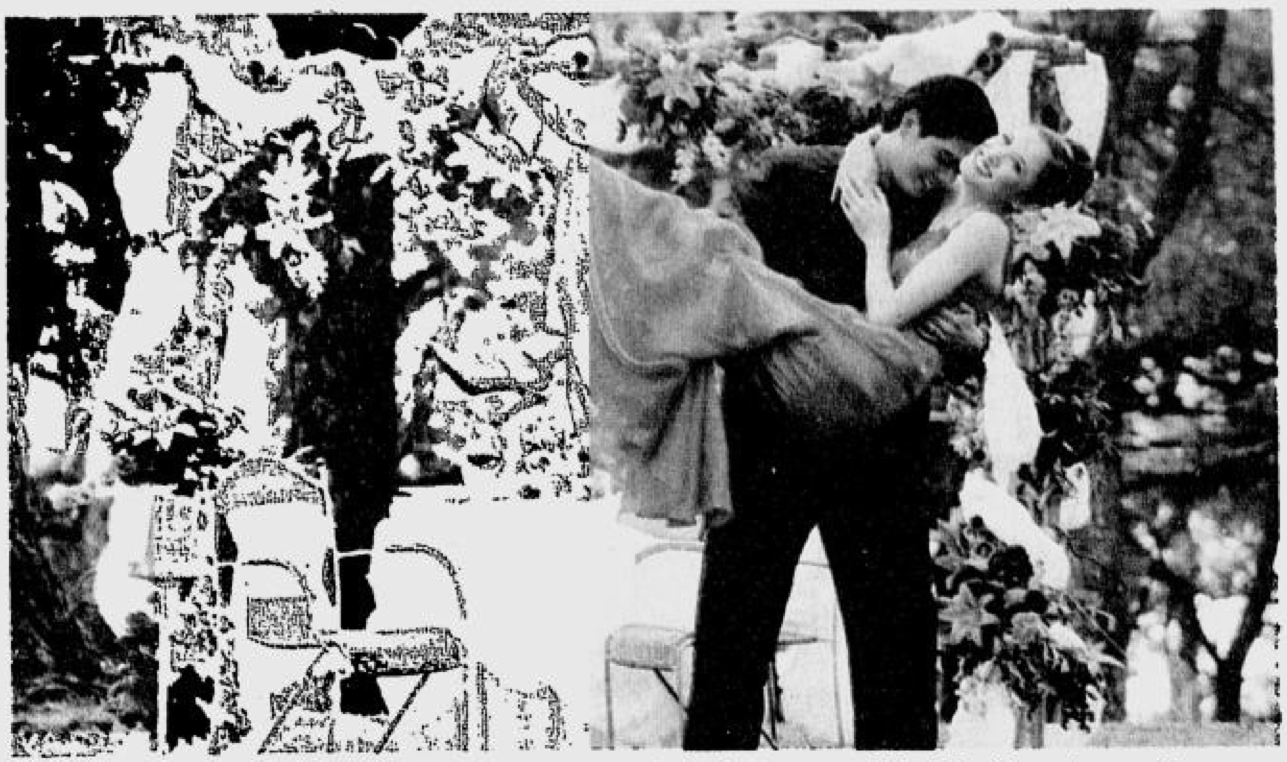

OVERJOYED OVER LOVE. He takes a lift of fate in Bergamo's dyed *piña* coat and black English wool pants. She squeals in delight in Baddeo's mauve gown fashioned from frosted silk over lamé, and enhanced with floral appliqués and caviar beads.

IT'S not Baguio without the mist, and it's not a wedding without romantic, dramatic shots like this.

Blissful in Baguio

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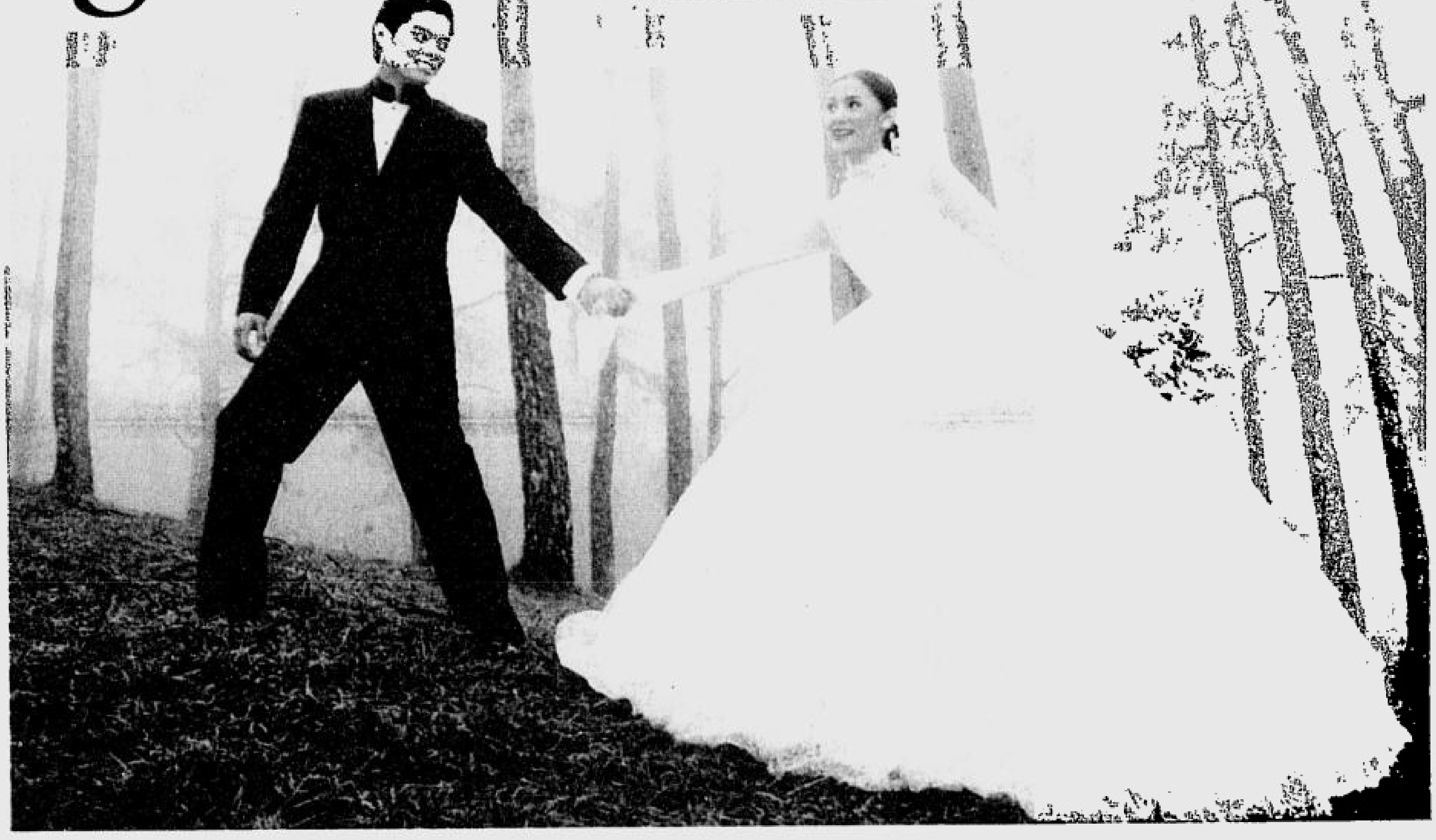
and feels like old Baguio," says Tito Avanceña, president of Camp John Hay Leisure Corp., the management company that runs the manor, golf club and CAP-John Hay Trade and Cultural Center. "Whether we like it or not, the Baguio we once knew hasn't been impervious to progress. That's why our development is very restricted."

Developers may have torn down a number of vintage, American-era cottages to make way for new developments such as a strip mall (a cottage has been refurbished and now houses a Starbucks outlet), but they've gone to great lengths to work around the mountain resort's looming pine trees. No building, not even the manor, can tower over one of Baguio's few remaining icons.

The manor boasts of 180 rooms (several have verandas), a delicatessen and a restaurant run by Billy King of Le Soufflé fame. Guests are served only the finest French and fusion cuisine as whipped up by King and his team.

With a real fireplace that tempers the city's cold mountain air, the manor's dimly-lit Piano Bar softens and melts the hearts of even the most stone-cold individuals. Bar stools center around a grand piano where David Tabligan, the in-house pianist, plays pop and standard tunes from yesteryears. It's a place to fall in love.

"Baguio has always played a role in the lives of many people," says Avanceña. "Be it about love, strengthening family ties or fostering friendships, chances are Baguio has been a conducive venue in providing those magic moments."



TAKE her to the church on time! Che's skirt consists of 75 layers of illusion tulle. In lieu of a bow tie, Derrick's tuxedo shirt has a Nehru collar made of black satin.

Avanceña and Heiner Maulbecker, general manager of the manor, golf club and cultural center, attribute Filipino couples' preference for Baguio to its chilly climate and fresh mountain scenery.

Romance-prone

"The cold weather is conducive to romance," says Maulbecker, a German national who has been based in the city since 1978. "A good number of people have met their future partners in Baguio. Tradition also plays a big role. Some couples get married here because their parents have done so in the past."

Good or bad, there's also that old colonial mentality that draws countless numbers of Filipinos to Baguio. The city is not typical of the rest of the Philippines, says Avanceña. During martial law, because of the travel ban, Filipinos from all over the country flocked to Baguio.

"It has never occurred to me to ask why people prefer to get married here," Avanceña says. "If you ask me, it's the most natural thing to do."

Apart from the 18-hole, 5,001 yards, par 69 golf course designed by Jack Nicklaus, every facility inside Camp John Hay is available for use by clients.

"The golf course and clubhouse are open exclusively to members and their guests," says Maulbecker. Couples who wish to use the

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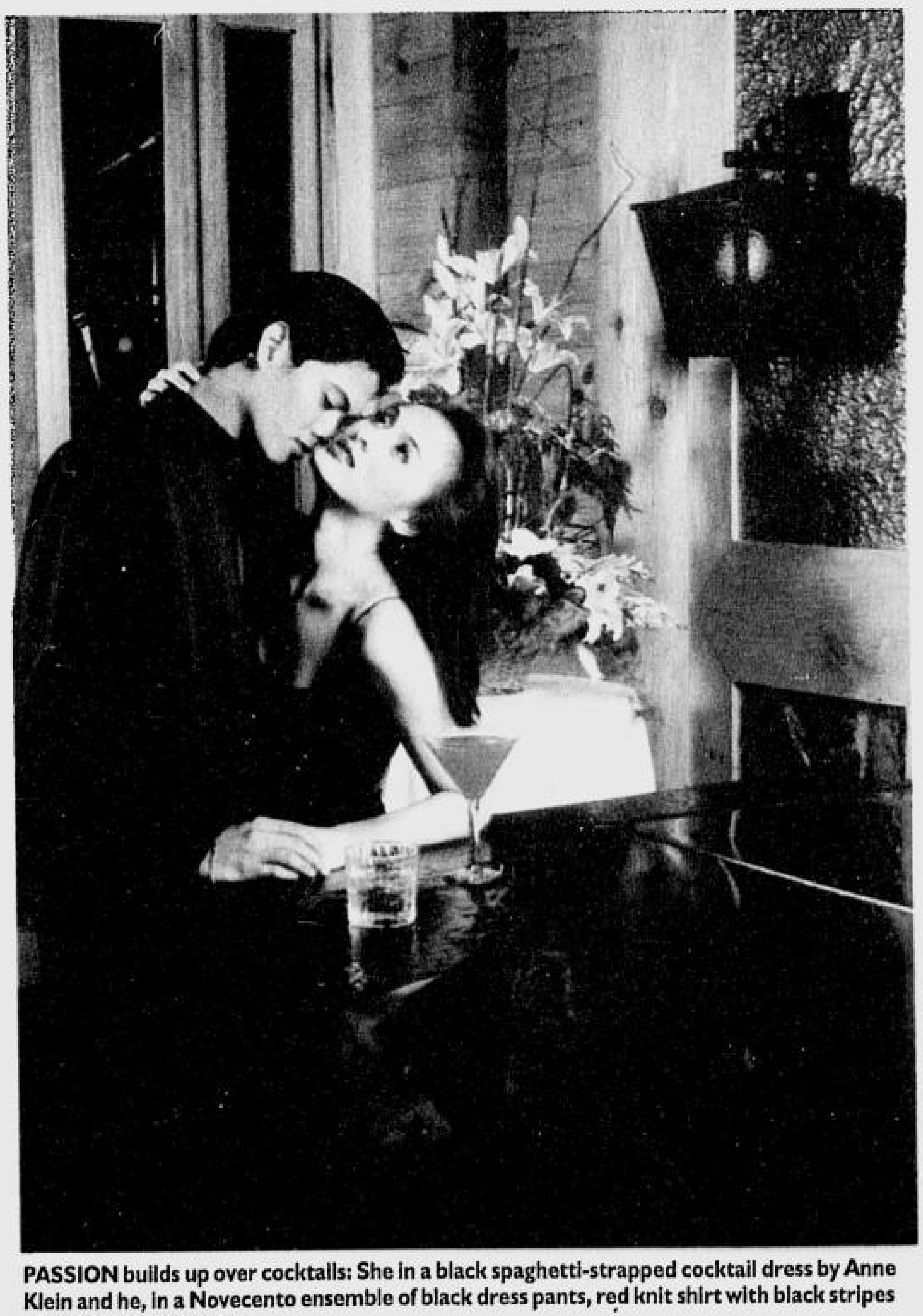
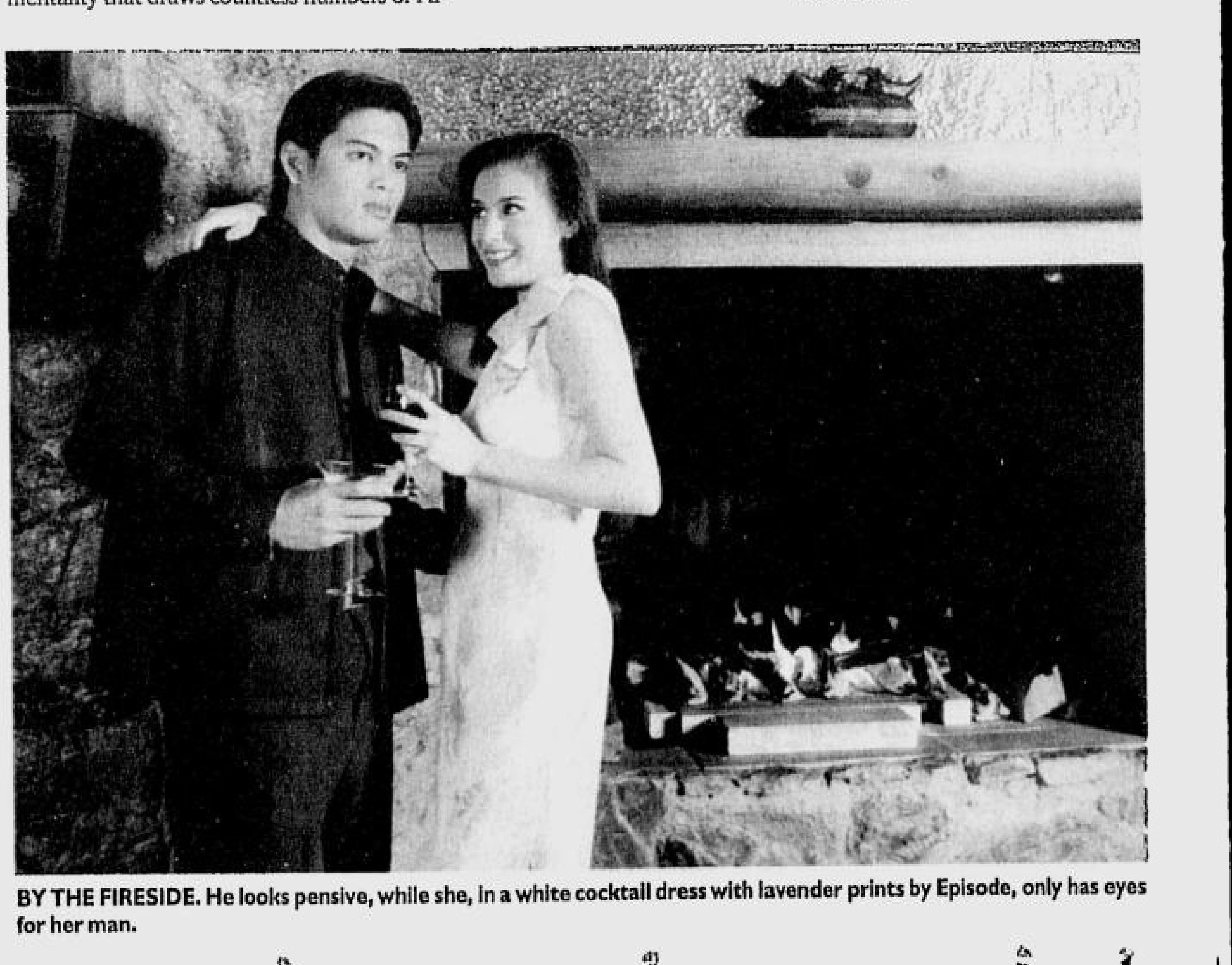


PASSION builds up over cocktails: She in a black spaghetti-strapped cocktail dress by Anne Klein and he, in a Novecento ensemble of black dress pants, red knit shirt with black stripes and black Nehru jacket.



BY THE FIRESIDE. He looks pensive, while she, in a white cocktail dress with lavender prints by Episode, only has eyes for her man.

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Blissful in Baguio

BEDTIME (above) catches her in a **Natori** pink chemise and he, in **Calvin Klein** tank top and boxers. In the nippy morning (right), she covers up with **Natori's** powder blue robe white terry cloth robe and he with a **Calvin Klein** white terry robe.

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clubhouse as a reception venue will have to make special arrangements.

Couples have a number of sites to choose from. For the more adventurous pair, like the two models who grace this fashion shoot, they can exchange "I do's" amid Camp John Hay's lush pine forest with only the mist and the butterflies as witnesses.

The more conservative can opt for either a traditional indoor wedding or a charming garden ceremony. The manicured garden behind the manor, with its fountain, rock formation and the Cordilleras for its backdrop, is an ideal venue for any outdoor affair.

Besides the restaurant in the manor, which can accommodate a limited number of guests, couples can hold either a garden reception or an indoor reception at the newly constructed CAP-John Hay Trade and Cultural Center.

Since the place has a number of natural and man-made attractions—eco trail, picnic grounds, butterfly sanctuary, skating rink and indoor recreation hall, to name a few—the newlyweds need not venture outside.

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"We have several ideal venues to offer," says Avanceña. "Once clients have made their choice, our job is to anticipate their needs and enhance the experience." Unless the couple wants to seal their union underwater, Baguio is still one of the best and most romantic places in the country to get married in.

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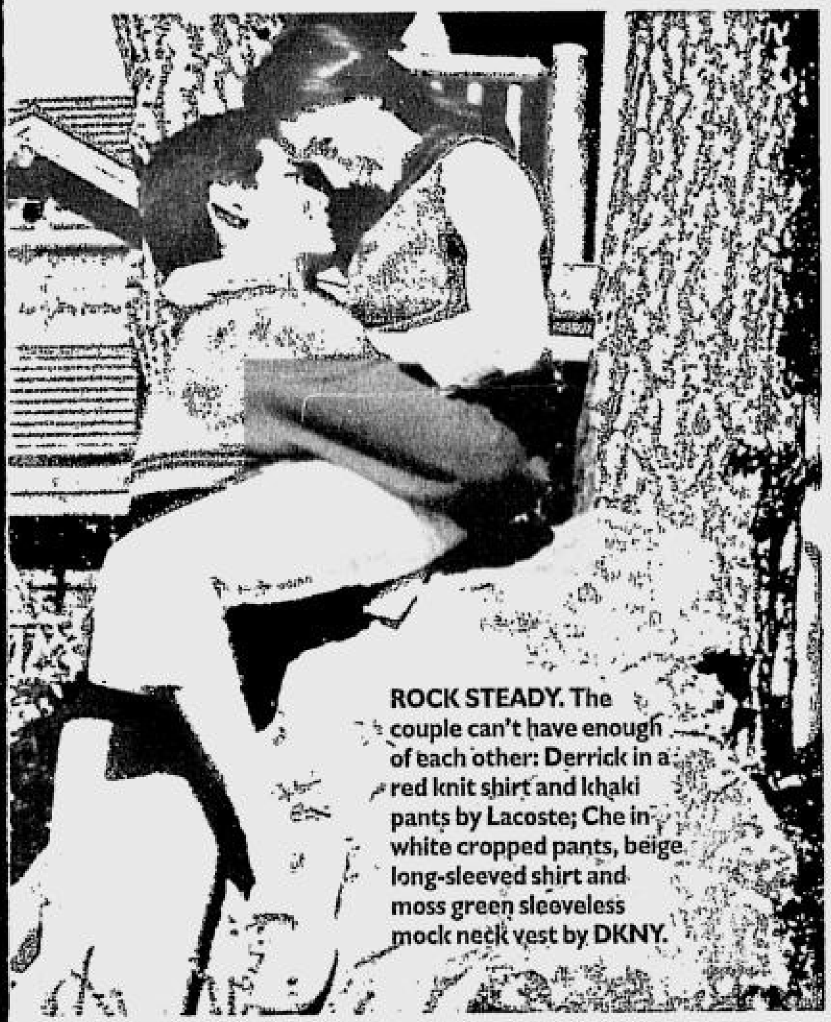

ROCK STEADY. The couple can't have enough of each other: Derrick in a red knit shirt and khaki pants by Lacoste; Che in white cropped pants, beige long-sleeved shirt and moss green sleeveless mock neck vest by DKNY.

TWO FOR TEE. She jumps for joy in white shorts and marine-and-white jacket by Lacoste. He strikes a triumphant pose in navy blue pants and beige long-sleeved shirt, also by Lacoste.

ENDLESS SUMMER. He wears a pair of jeans and a long-sleeved crew-neck shirt by Calvin Klein. Beige jacket is by Novecento. She wears a white skirt by Ralph Lauren, white tee and peach cardigan both by Calvin Klein. Traditional Igorot picnic spread courtesy of Narda's

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TRAVEL

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DURING its recent run, the "Europa Rad," a ferris wheel ride at the World Carnival Tour, was visible to cruisers of the Huangpu River.

As Shanghai was saying...

By Rosario A. Garcellano

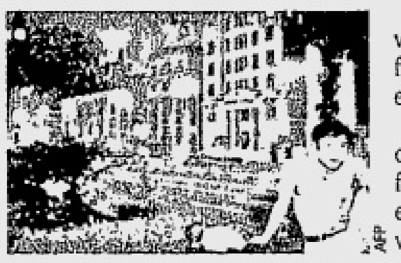
THE ENERGY fairly crackled in the wide high-ceilinged hall where grown men, a teenaged boy and a pair of prepubescent girls were going through the paces.

Crackling, but whipped into line by a discipline obvious in the way the team on the ground sent one or other hurtling through the air and landing, with equal grace, on their fellows' intertwined limbs or on the wooden floor. Obvious, too, in a delightful hat-juggling gig requiring the impeccable body-eye coordination that born klutzes can only despair at.

On that humid July afternoon, the members of the Shanghai Acrobatic Troupe were behaving like a stream spurting to life after a drought. We were told they were rehearsing for a performance due within days—their first since SARS hit and bombed the bejesus out of the former Middle Kingdom's "pillar industry," tourism.

SARS in China—or, more to the point, post-SARS China—is the leitmotif in this whirlwind tour of two cities designed to show that Asia's giant is steady on its feet after battling the pandemic and is eager to put to good use the "big lessons" it learned in the process.

The World Health Organization struck China off the SARS list on June 25. According to Panda Travel's Oscar Chong, by June 28 a group of foreign tourists had landed. On July 1, the Chinese government formally declared the resumption of tourism activities there; with the mode set on all systems go, it expects things to have fully normalized by the middle of this month.



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WITH SHANGHAI sweltering, the lights on the Bund are only partly lit.

As in a high-wire endeavor, focus is the operative word.

The attentive observer forcibly delivered to an elevated level of sensitivity by the language barrier is prone to stumble on facets of this gung-ho attitude in the most unexpected places: for example, in the collective but seamless effort of heaving a tiny acrobat aloft and willing her to hover there, Nijinski-like, before dropping (coach harping on correct breathing, poking solar plexus of pony-tailed subject; subject pale but focused; launching team, elbows locked, grimly concentrating).

As it turned out, the motley group of journalists and travel agents herded to sit on narrow wooden benches to get an idea of the troupe in action stayed longer than it should, nodding approvingly and applauding lingeringly when it should have picked itself up, clambered on the coach and pushed off to the next item on the agenda. The result was that the next item had to be bumped off and the visit to the residence of Madame Soong Ching-ling, widow of the revered Dr. Sun Yat-sen, moved up and squeezed in.

The contretemps drove the otherwise cool tour guide Lori into a funk, made apparent to those sitting at the front of the coach by an incomprehensible tirade at the driver, as well as tears. Later, the damage to her makeup repaired, the woman slammed on dark glasses, tersely announced the stop, and hustled her wards across the street and into the charming house shaded by sycamore trees.

Visitors are allowed access only to the ground floor, and only after they cover their shoes with plastic booties before tramping in. Lori explained that the rule was laid down (correctly, of course) for the purpose of protecting the carpet—a gift to the Madame from Mao Tse-tung.

THE WEST LAKE in Hangzhou is a pet stop for tourists. BOBOY YONZON

Entering at the tail end of another tour group (locals come a-visiting), one noted the severe simplicity of the house, the framed photos on the walls, the mementos from world leaders, the French windows overlooking the lush garden where, attended by her devoted maid, the Madame spent many long hours. But by then we had emerged at the garden itself, where we looked up at the magnificent trees and then down to the path leading to the small museum... How difficult, one thought, to savor the weight of history on the tight leash of Lori-in-a-funk.

Shanghai (pop.: 16 million; 13 million of them Chinese and the rest, of other nationalities) embodies the old and the new. How trite that sounds for the city with a textured past, once dubbed the Paris of the Orient and where, for a time, activists, writers and intellectuals—to speak nothing of hoods and shanghaiers—converged. Try this from a recent traveler: "The ultimate contrast: modern capitalism and old communism standing shoulder to shoulder." In fact, it is the most modern city in China, Lori declared at one point in the journey there from the farming city of Hangzhou.

One could hardly pose disagreement. As Shanghai was in effect saying to the world before SARS so rudely interrupted, the state-of-the-art airport at Pudong showed the extent to which the 700-year-old city once literally a backwater had come. An elaborate network of roads and flyovers has been installed and construction activities in various stages of progress were abundantly evident (20 percent of the total number in all of China).

Energy. As Li Huai Fa of the Shanghai Travel Service Corp. Ltd. told his visitors over a banquet, "I hope through your own eyes you will see that Shanghai is full of energy, and that visitors are safe."

In Pudong alone, said Lori, automotive titans Volkswagen and GM (Buick) hold court. (This is not to say that the gawking observer would not spot a profusion of Volvos and Mercedes-Benzes caught in traffic on the Yan'an Road separating the former French and British concessions.) There are 30 Starbucks, 40 McDonalds and 50 KFC outlets (these minutiae still from the chatty Lori)—proof positive that the great multinational chains had come to roost. As for the hotels, if there's the 88-floor Grand Hyatt, can the others be far behind?

For all that, for Century Avenue and all the other multi-lane avenues where once there were swamps, for all the towering buildings of chrome, glass and steel (for example, the 468-meter Oriental Pearl Radio & TV Tower from whose view deck, as in New York's Empire State Building, the visitor can look down on the bustle below and be convinced once more that waterways are the fount of any city's development), there are pockets of green to refresh the spirit. (Think Ol' Blue Eyes crooning "Falling leaves of sycamore..." Except you're not in Vermont.)

At night, we saw the Bund ablaze in lights. All business buildings are required to keep their lights on, with the extra power charges subsidized by the government, said Oscar Chong. (But with the current heat wave, East China's longest in 50 years, municipal authorities suspended all scenic lighting starting Aug. 5 to ease the power supply strained by the heightened use of air conditioners.)

From the top deck of the dragon boat cruising the Huangpu River that night, the lights on either bank were a striking sight, no matter the cacophony of the local revelers and the sweet, sometimes startling (holiday carols in July?), strains of the band. But the slim, sexy singer was fine despite the alien language, her tinny voice perfect for Chinese song, her eyes plaintive one minute, playful the next, and her gown a slinky, shimmering number befitting her status. (Later, apparently ready to call it a day, one espied her in sweats and sneakers heading downstairs.)

The cruise was also the thing earlier on in Hangzhou two-and-a-half hours away from Shanghai. But it was broad daylight when we boarded a launch (35 yuan each) on the West Lake, one of many docked to take in hordes of local tourists checking out the domain of the emperors. The strange early-morning mist having dissipated, one could elbow some leeway on the roof deck to admire the deep green foliage bordering the gray waters, the pagodas abruptly appearing on a slice of the bank, or even the dynamics of a group (three vivacious women, sullen solitary male) requesting a souvenir shot.

But what's this? In a small boat suddenly appearing in one's downward line of vision were a couple. Voyeur-like, one examined them from afar—he squinting in the sun, she attending to the damage the breeze was doing to her hair. Was he popping the question?

The cost of hiring a small boat, somewhat like a canoe, is 80 yuan per passenger—steep in contrast, one might say, but there's no one else around to spoil the moment.

It was no Venice, but the boatman could very well have been their gondolier.

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IT'S a misty view of the city from the Pearl Tower. BOBOY YONZON

A PATCH of green refreshes the spirit.

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WG&A Philippines recently announced that it would acquire two new ships at a cost of P1 billion to underscore its status as the Philippines' largest shipping company and to support President Macapagal-Arroyo's Strong Republic Nautical Highway program (SRNH).

Superferries 17 and 18 will be added to its fleet in line with its commitment to assist in the growth of the national economy by improving the shipping industry, WG&A said.

"The government has made the SRNH more attractive to our shippers, who can now look at easier and more economical access to their markets," said WG&A president Endika Aboitiz in a ceremony that launched the new Eva Macapagal Super Terminal at Manila's Pier 15.

As envisioned by the President, the nautical highway is a network of terminals and ports nationwide equipped to serve the roll-on, roll-off (RoRo) type of passenger and cargo vessels.

WG&A, currently serving [illegible] ports of call nationwide, said it was ready to support the SRNH and the RoRo Terminal System, a part of the Sustainable Logistics Development Program of the Development Bank of the Philippines.

For RP doctors

A GROUP tour is being organized by the 1021 Travel and Tours for Filipino doctors who intend to migrate to and work in Australia.

Agency president Eduardo Burgos Jr., who once served as information attache of the Philippine Embassy in Canberra, quoted Howard Neil Donkin of Penkull Grove Consulting Group as saying that opportunities awaited Filipino doctors in the land Down Under.

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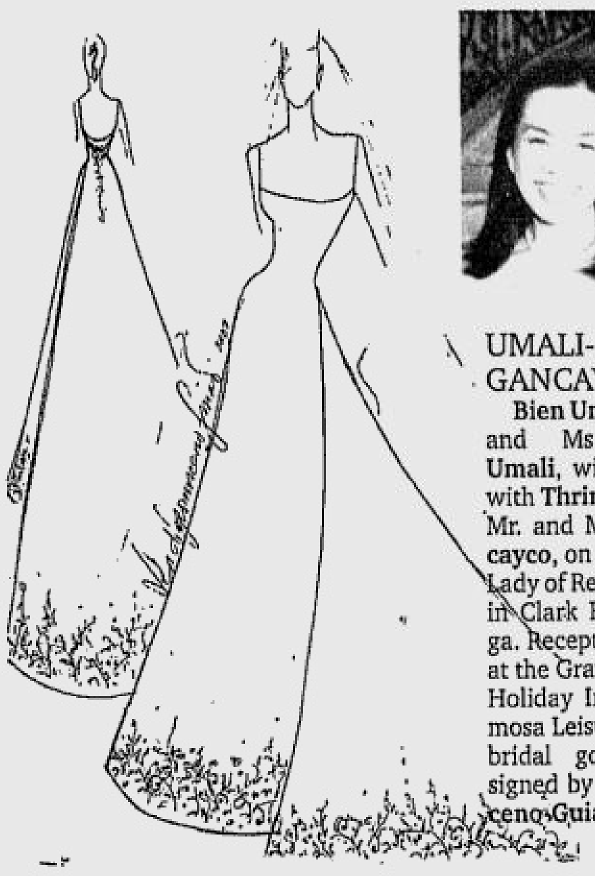
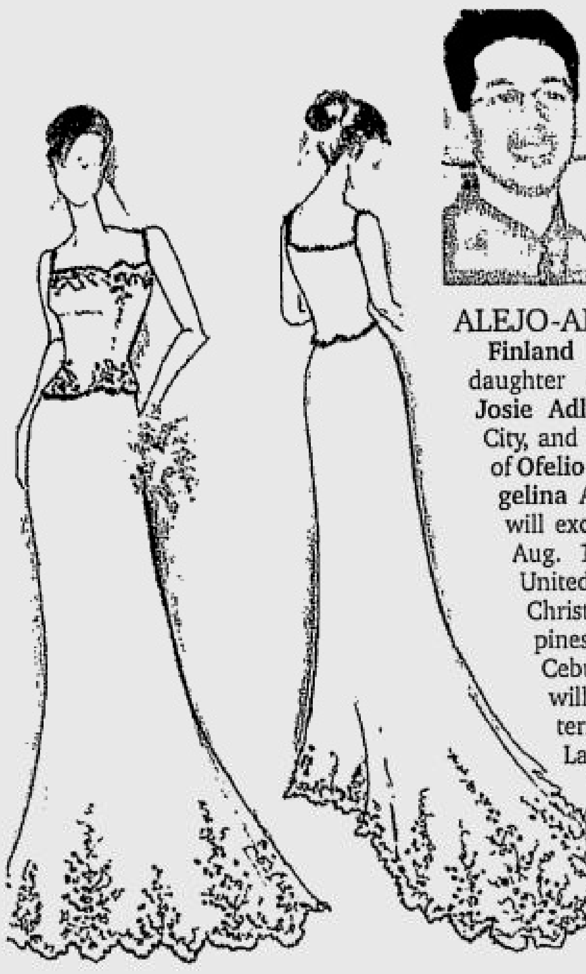


UMALI-GANCAYCO

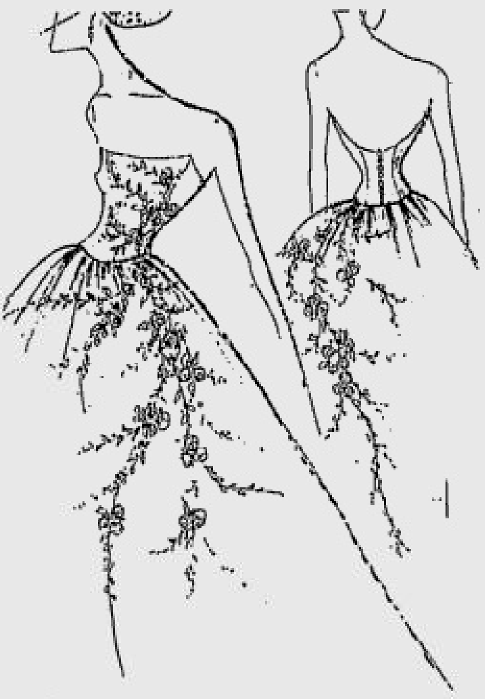
Bien Umali, son of Mr. and Ms **Illuminado Umali**, will tie the knot with **Thrina**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Efren Gancayco**, on Aug. 23 at Our Lady of Remedios Chapel in Clark Field, Pampanga. Reception will follow at the Grand Ballroom of Holiday Inn Resort, Mimosa Leisure Estate. The bridal gown was designed by Len **Nepomuceno-Guiao**.



ALEJO-ADLAWAN

Finland Adlawan, daughter of **Eddie** and **Josie Adlawan** of Cebu City, and **Rico Alejo**, son of **Ofelio** and the late **Angelina Alejo** of Cavite, will exchange vows on Aug. 16 at Bradford United Church of Christ in the Philippines, Jones Ave., Cebu City. Reception will follow at Waterfront Hotel, Lahug, Cebu City.

The bride will wear an elegant ivory Italian satin with intricate beadwork, designed by **Joie Justine**.



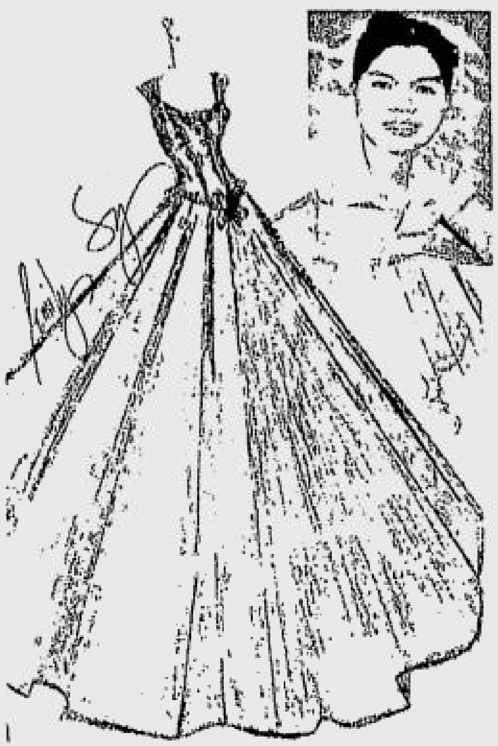
EVANGELISTA DEBUT

Mara Therese Padilla Evangelista, daughter of Dr. **Thaddeus** and Dr. **Rowena Evangelista**, celebrated her 18th birthday on Aug. 2 at Fernwood Gardens, Sanville Subdivision, Quezon City.

The debutante wore a ballgown with corset in gold silk taffeta. It was designed by **Dodjie Batu** of Patahian, Davao City.

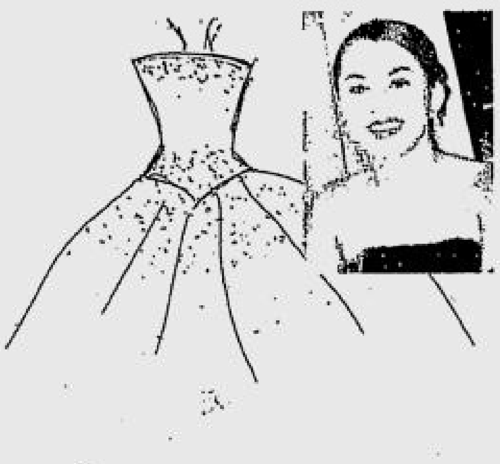
CANTOS-ODANE

Nestor Cantos and **Lorena Odane** were married at the Canossa Academy Chapel in Lipa City last July 26. The groom is the son of **Epifanio** and **Guillerma Cantos** while the bride is the daughter of **Miguel** and the late **Gloria Odane**. The wedding was officiated by Rev. Fr. **Mike Samaniego** of St. Isidore Parish, Cuenca, Batangas.



CLEOFAS DEBUT

Mary Lous Cleofas, daughter of **Gregorio** and **Adelaida Cleofas**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Aug. 30 at Quezon Ballroom, Sulo Hotel. The debutante will wear a princess-cut gown by **Ma. Emily Sy** of Esy Creations.



TUASON DEBUT

Ma. Krystel Rose Tuason, daughter of **Jose Jr.** (deceased) and **Mila Tuason**, celebrated her debut on Aug. 9 at Champagne Garden, Naga City. She wore a gown designed and executed by Liza Bridal Centre.

Krystel is a freshman student taking up Computer Science in Management and Accountancy at Ateneo de Naga Univesity.

EQUIPADO DEBUT

Maria Andrea Let Equipado, daughter of engineer **Donardo** and Prof. **Shirley Equipado**, turned 18 last June 6 at Grand Ballroom of New World Renaissance Hotel. Designers **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez** created a strapless gown in salmon pink, melon peach and canary yellow **Angelina Galura** coordinated the event.

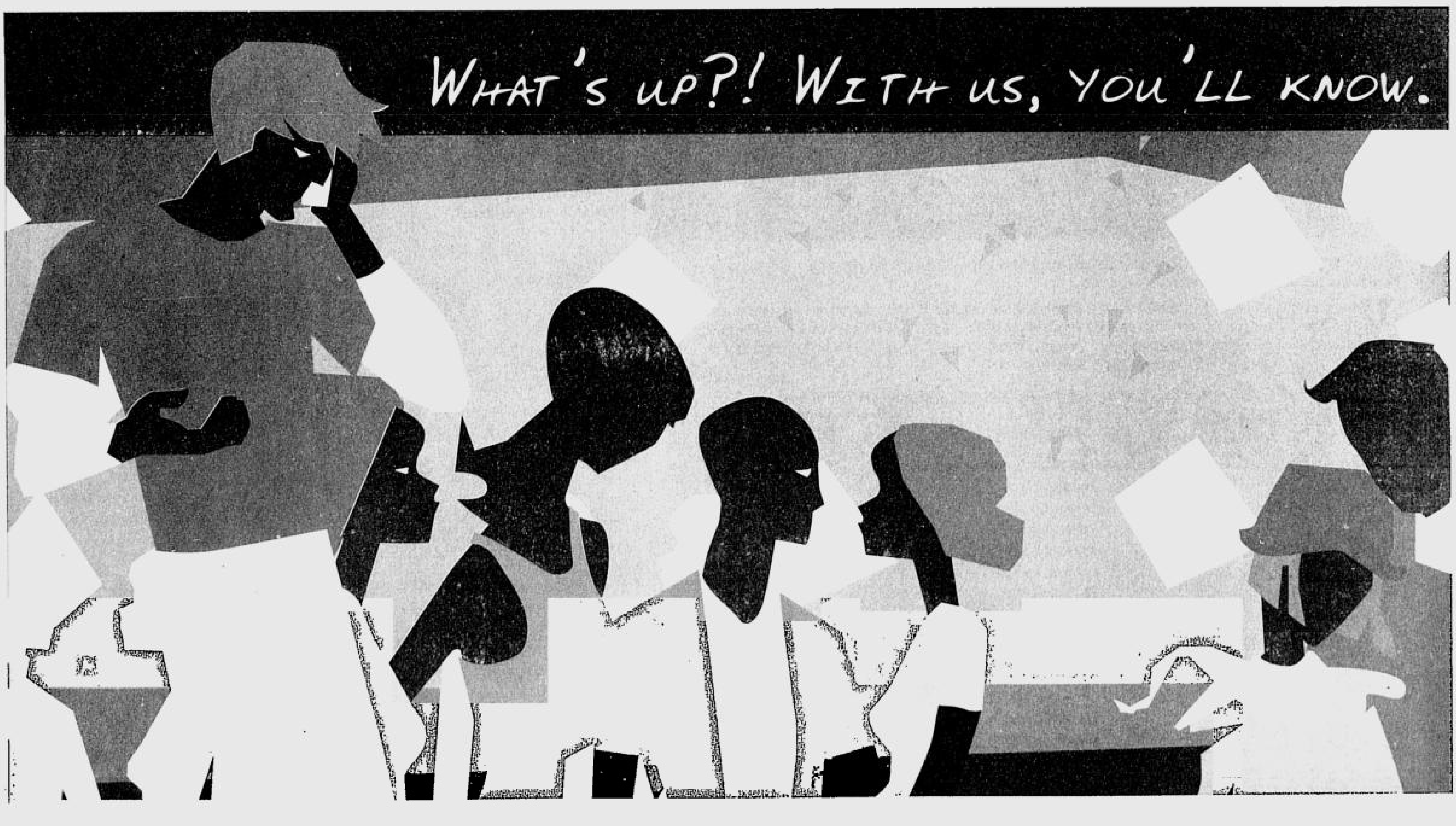
MENDOZA DEBUT

Dianne Carl Mendoza, daughter of **Pacifico III** and **Len Mendoza**, celebrated her 18th birthday last June 7 at Manila Peninsula Hotel. The debutante wore a melon pink shantung gown with a boned bodice and bouffant skirt designed by **Jontie** and **Nicky Martinez** of Galatea. Hair and makeup were done by **Louie Trinidad**.

PANTOJA DEBUT

Vanessa Kaye T. Pantoja, daughter of **Nestor Pantoja** and **Bettina Topacio**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Aug. 23 at Citta Italia Clubhouse, Imus, Cavite. **Paul Rex Mateo** designed the gown.

Vanessa Kaye is a second year college student at the University of Sto. Tomas taking up Communication Arts.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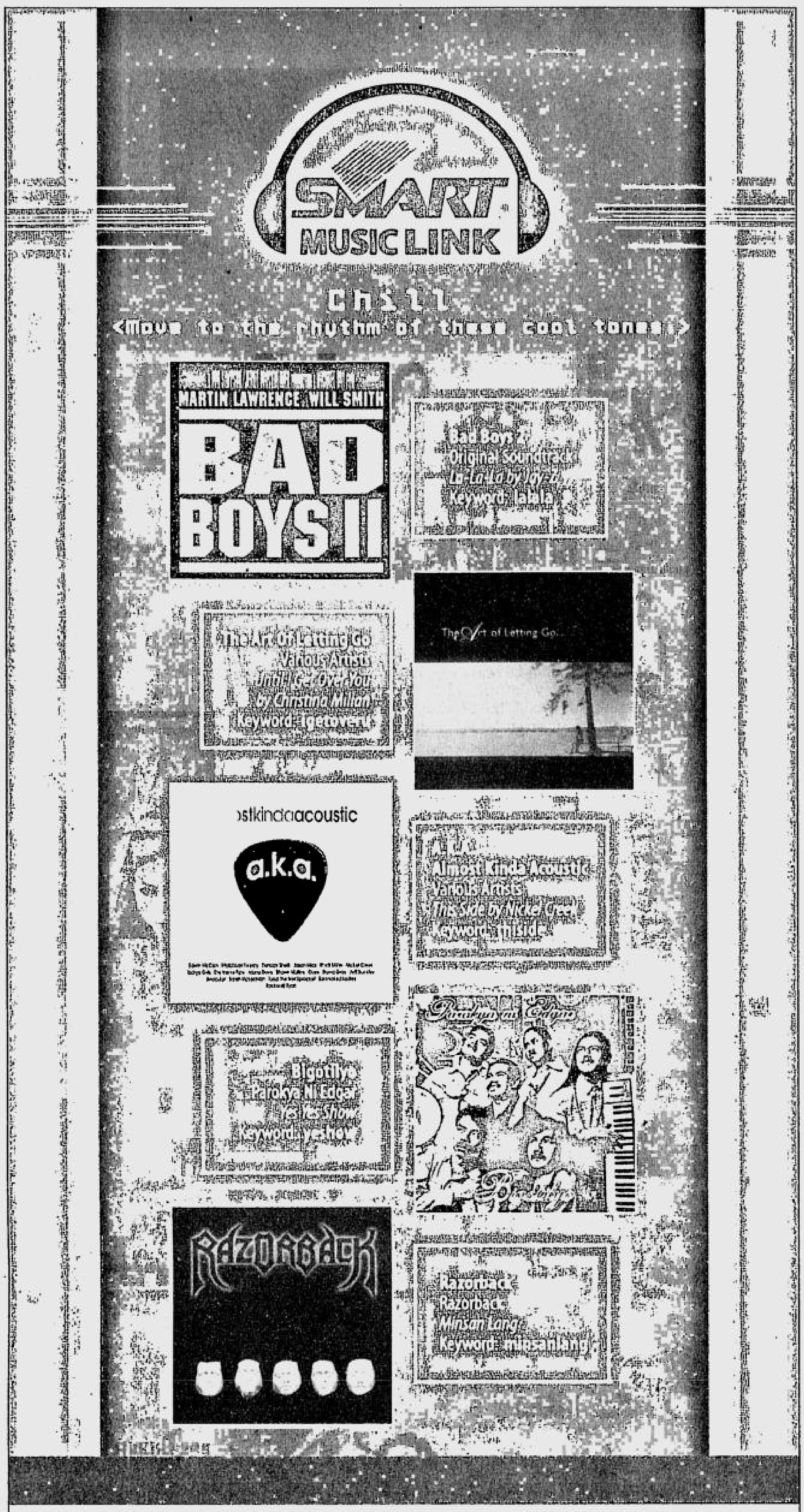

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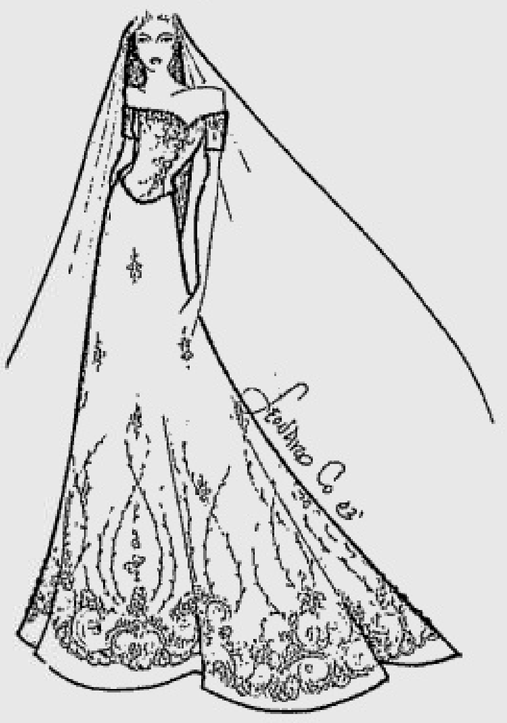
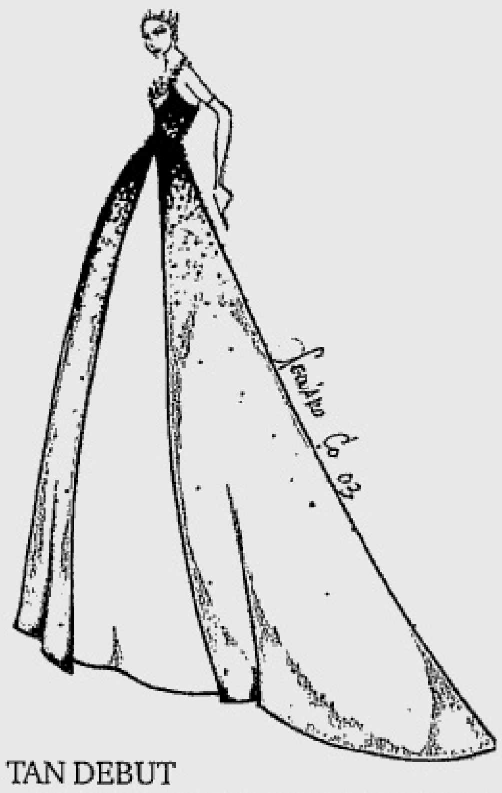


SANTIAGO-ABELLA

Charmaine Abella, daughter of **Edward** and **Cynthia Abella**, married **Sherwin Santiago**, son of lawyer **Mario** and **Eleanor Santiago**, last June 14 at the Shrine of Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life Church. Charmaine wore an ecru gazar satin fully embroidered wedding gown designed by **Leonard Co.**



TAN DEBUT

Deryl Tan, daughter of **Joan Tan**, celebrated her 18th birthday on Aug. 1 at Edsa Shangri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong. She will wear two debutante gowns by **Leonard Co** in two-tone shades of purple and lilac shantung silk.

JABSON-BAGASIN

Eugene Jabson, son of **Leandro** and **Jocelynne Jabson**, married **Dr. Glenda Bagasin**, daughter of **Brig. Gen. Samuel** and **Glesierra Bagasin** on April 5 at Manila Cathedral. Reception was held at Fiesta Pavillion of Manila Hotel. The bride wore a *piña* corset with long skirt enhanced with beadwork, embroidered Swarovski stone and long detachable trail by **Larry Espinosa.**

Why can't Filipinos talk about "libog"?

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Dr. Antonio C. Sison, MD

Language is a reflection of a people's values and experience. What constantly amazes me during my sexuality lectures is the shift of emotions and reactions when I discuss male and female genitals. I start initially with English words, then I ask my fellow doctors to tell me the equivalent terms in Tagalog. Just verbalizing words like "titi" or "puki" creates an atmosphere of nervous giggles and embarrassment. Why? Because these sexual terms are largely considered vulgar or "bastos", often used in green jokes and not generally used by doctors when asking for patients' sexual history. This reflects a lack of Tagalog sexual terms that can be used in the clinical setting.

In the broader context, sex is generally a taboo subject. After all, most of the doctors report that their patients never discuss sex with them—and, chances are, neither will they talk about sex with their children. Additionally, to be called "malibog" is not considered flattering since it connotes an almost unrestrained sexual drive. Yet there is no Tagalog term to describe a normal sexual drive.

How does this discomfort in discussing sex affect patients and their partners when they consult me? The lack of communication between a couple when it comes to sex becomes crucial when one party has a sexual problem.

The case of the Filipino couple with no "libog"

Mr. L is a 38-year-old executive who works for long hours, is about 10-15 lbs. overweight, is usually stressed at work, and every so-often would have episodes of high blood pressure and headaches. During the early years of their marriage, he and his wife would have sexual intercourse almost everyday until it lessened to only 1 to 2 times a week last year. Up until the last few months he would be interested, but he noticed that his erections were weaker, and at times he would not even be able to get an erection.

After that, he became withdrawn and distant from his wife, preferring to suffer in silence on his own. But his wife suffered too. In an effort to make sense of her husband's sexual coldness, her insecurities and jealousy surfaced. She suspected that he might be having an affair.

Because of our macho culture here, it is often difficult for the Filipino male to accept that he has a sexual problem. More often than not, he keeps his problem to himself because he doesn't want his friends to know that he is not in his peak sexual functioning, as he thinks that it's the most embarrassing thing. Other men become impatient and angry with their spouses in an effort to cover up for their inadequacy. Some even blame their wives for their lack of interest or poor performance. This denial of the problem leads to a cycle of arguments and frustration, resulting in greater tension, but never addresses the underlying sexual problem.

So how did Mr. L and his wife deal with their problem and decide to consult me? I will tell you all about it next week.

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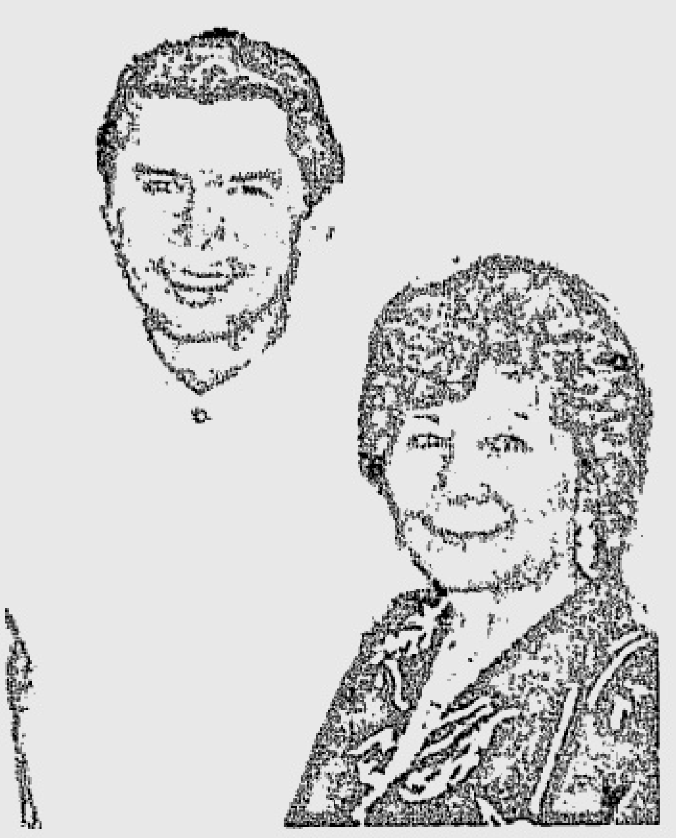

MOM and son are best of friends. PHOTOS: BETOY JOHNSON

Lou Diamond Phillips' mom remains, at 63, a practical, fun-loving woman who remembers her Zambales roots all too well

Lucy in the sky with Lou Diamond

By Vangie Baga-Reyes

HER dream was to be an actress. It didn't happen. Instead, it was her son who became an actor—a big Hollywood star at that.

"When I was young, I wanted to be an actress because I saw it as a very glamorous job," says Lucita Arañas Phillips, mother of Lou Diamond, who is best known for his roles in "La Bamba," "Young Guns," "Stand and Deliver," "Courage Under Fire and "The Big Hit." "But it was my son who fulfilled my dream, and I'm so proud to be the mother of a successful actor."

Born in Candelaria, Zambales, Lucy was only seven when her father, a US Navy serviceman, died. She and her seven siblings were left to the care of her mom, who's now 94 and comfortably settled in California.

Lucy married at 19. She was in her second year at University of the East, taking up business management, when she met American serviceman Gerald Amon Upchurch.

"My family initially objected to our relationship," she recalls. "They didn't trust Caucasians, so I always went out with him with a chaperon."

But true love prevailed, and Lucy and Gerald eventually exchanged vows at Cubi Point. In 1962, she gave birth to Lou Diamond. Then the whole family moved to the United States.

Unfortunately, Gerald died in a plane crash when Lou was a year old. "I was devastated," says Lucy. "I was at a loss as to how to bring up my child."

Luckily for her, her in-laws in Georgia took care of them.

"They were so nice and very helpful. They took us in. They accepted me as their own daughter. Lou was their first grandchild," Lucy says.

She brought up Lou the way her family brought her up. "I was an overprotective mom. I didn't like people taking him for granted. Even now, I would probably hurt anybody who hurts my son."

Hard to explain

When Lou was three, Lucy remarried because she felt Lou needed a father to guide him. She married American flight engineer George Edward Phillips, but they never had a child. Lucy had a hysterectomy at 23.

"Lou wished he had a brother or a sister when he was growing up. Once, he told me: 'Mom, let's go to the store and buy me a brother.' It was hard to explain to him. He didn't understand [things] until he was about 13."

Lou basically grew up with his stepfather. The family returned to the Philippines when George Phillips was stationed at the naval base in Subic from 1970 to 1974 where Lou spent the early years of his elementary education. Lucy, on the other hand, remained a housewife, taking care of her family's needs.

When Lou was 14, he wanted to adopt his stepfather's last name, "because his play-

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PRESIDENT Arroyo and Trade Secretary Mar Roxas welcome Hollywood actor Lou Diamond Phillips and his mom, Lucita Arañas Phillips.

Lucy in the sky with Lou Diamond

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mates had been teasing him how come his mom's last name was Phillips and his was Upchurch," says Lucy.

"They thought he was an adopted child. So, Lou asked me if he could change his last name." The family paid $250 as legal fees to change Lou's surname to Phillips.

Lucy recalls how Lou, as a young child, would watch television a lot and copy what he saw on TV. He particularly liked Elvis Presley.

"He'd always tell me, 'Mom, when I grow up I want to be like him. I want to be famous like him.' 'Well,' I said, 'I'd like to see that day.'"

When Lou was in college in Texas, Lucy divorced George for infidelity. "I waited long to do it because I was not going to divorce him with my son was still so young. It may sound selfish, but I needed somebody to help me raise Lou."

After the divorce, Lucy and Lou became the best of friends, traveling across the country and sharing each other's secrets. "We would even go out on double dates," says Lucy.

"You see, Lou is a good son. I'm not saying this because he is my son. He respects me as his mom and as a friend. Whatever I tell him, he does."

"He has never given me problems," she adds. "I'm glad he's successful in his career, and his dream has come true. I'm so proud of him."

WHEN Lucy met King of Comedy Dolphy and diva Zsa Zsa Padilla, it was at the Cheval Blanc in Makati Shangri-La where Lifestyle also interviewed her son Lou Diamond and another Fil-Am star Tia Carrere.

Celebrating life with music and friends

TEESAW

Raul Teehanke

ARNOLD Vegafria is the talent manager of the moment.

He has been producing concerts for over a decade now, and under his management are personalities like much-talked- about **Dina Bonnevie**, sultry singer **Geneva Cruz** (or has she moved to **Girlie Rodis?**), **Gary Estrada** and a slew of talented young lookers, models, singers and starlets waiting for their turn on center stage.

He recently celebrated his 33rd year at the 42nd floor of Discovery Suites, and it was a musical night of songs from **Pinky Marquez, Bimbo Cerrudo, Tootsie Guevarra** and some personal anecdotes from old friends like **JunJun Poblador, Rhoda Campos** and **Ginggay Joven.**

Basically, their messages to A.V. were to keep on moving and shaking by being productive and creative—which actually applies to everyone!

TJ Manotoc

GENEVA Cruz

THE CELEBRANT Arnold Vegafria flanked by Paolo Trillo, Janelle So, Audrey Tan and Congressman Miguel Zubiri

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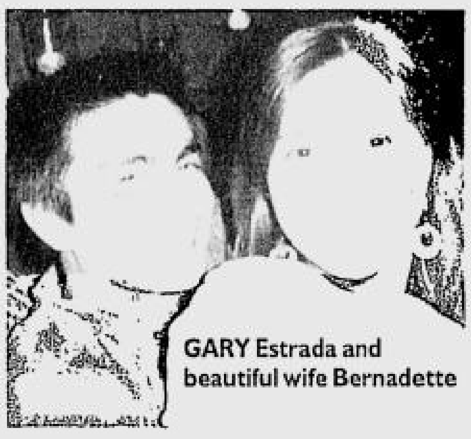

GARY Estrada and beautiful wife Bernadette

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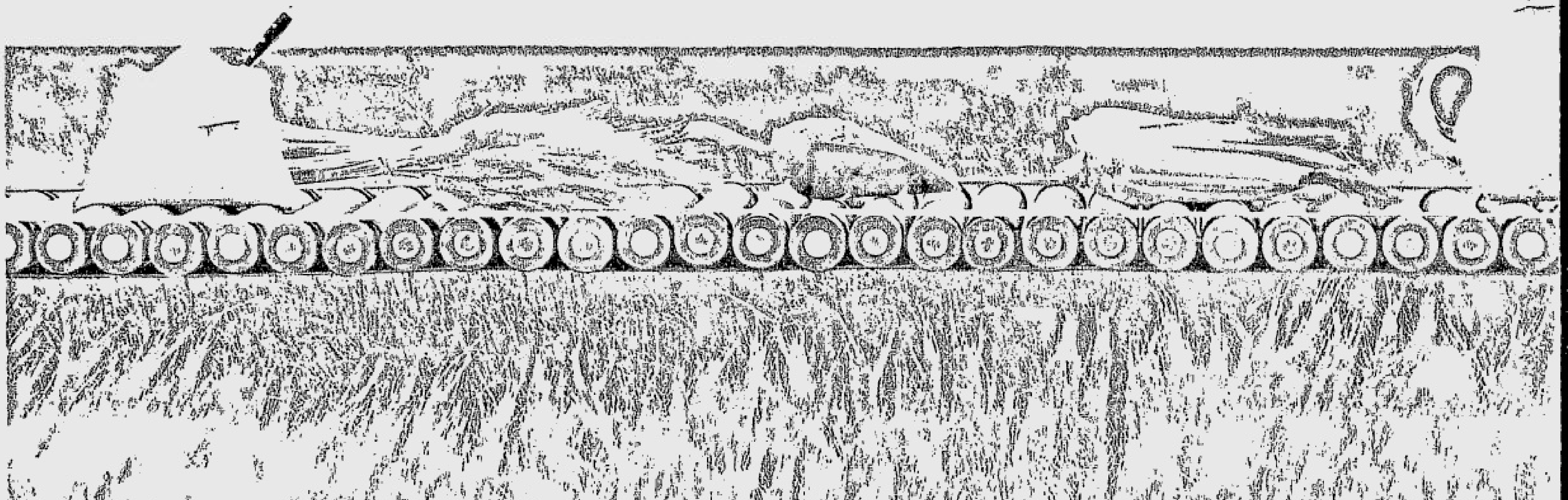

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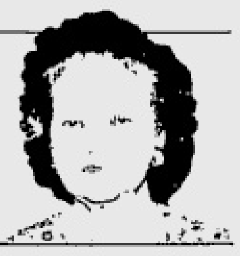
Her boyfriend has many failed relationships



LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

I met Herman through a chat site on the Internet. We began with friendly messages, but later I found myself advising him on his personal problems, particularly about his live-in partner. Later, we joined a trip, and our own relationship began.

I love him despite the women in his past and even if his live-in has recently given birth to their child. She has told him and me that she doesn't love him anymore. She had left him once, but came back after she couldn't find a boarding house that would accept her and the baby. She had even reactivated her earlier plan to find a foreigner who would marry her.

Is it okay if I encourage Herman to drive her out of his house? He doesn't love her anymore and only cares for the baby.

My family is against Herman because he is 20 years my senior and has had too many ex-wives and children out of wedlock. But I am 30, we love each other and he is willing to marry and have children with me. How can I make them accept him?

TINA

If I were your mother, I myself would have difficulty liking Herman for you.

While it is true that a man could change his ways for the better, Herman's track record suggests that he had passed up too many chances to do so, and I'm scared by that. You might only end up in his list of failed relationships.

Did his relationships fail because he chose the wrong women, or did they fail because those women decided he was the wrong man for them? In either case, I think what he needs now is not a new girl but long-term counseling with a psychiatrist to find out why he keeps starting a family but can't sustain it.

And what you need now, my dear, is to entertain all your second thoughts about Herman. Tying yourself to a man with a past like his would be like acquiring a land with too many encumbrances.

The long list of women he got entangled with may not be a problem if they were all just flings; but given that number, it is not unlikely that he had married—and is still legally married to—one of them.

And if he really cares for his children, illegitimate or not, wouldn't supporting them drain the funds that you would need for the family you will start with him?

You are 30, and that certainly gives you the right to disagree with your parents and pick your man. But being 30 doesn't make you immune to the heartaches and dishonor that you'd risk in picking someone like Herman.

E-mail titadulce@netscape.net or send letters to P.O. Box 2353, Makati CPO 1263 Makati City, or PDI, Chino Roces Avenue corner Yague and Mascardo Streets, Makati

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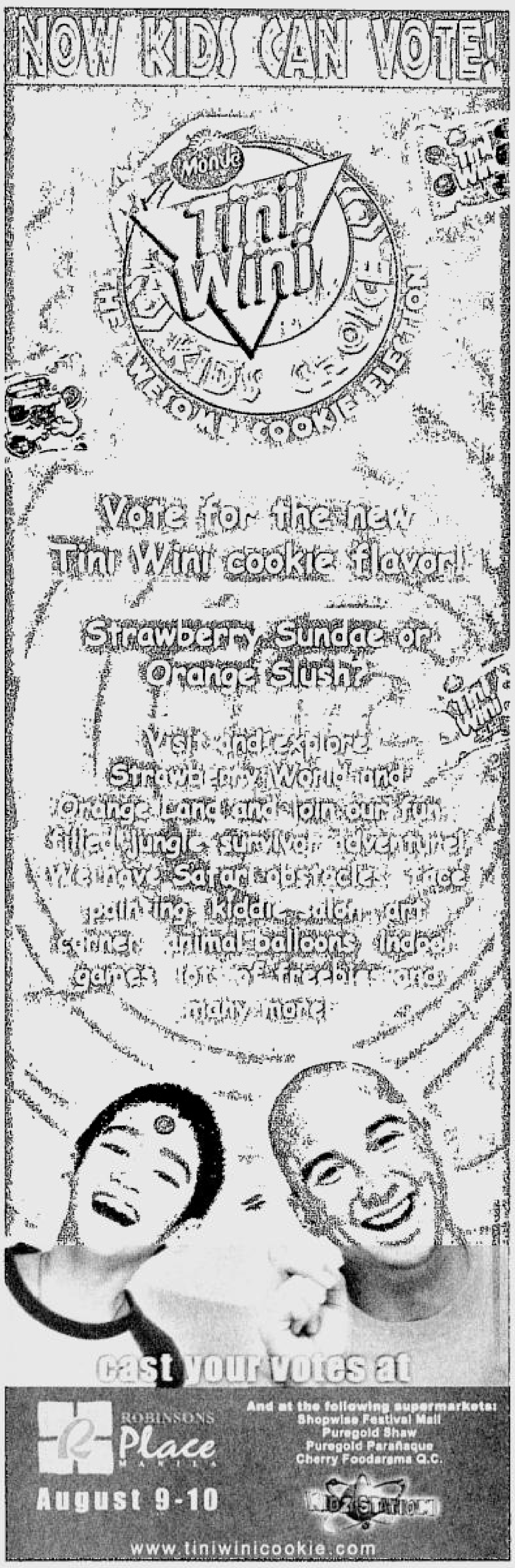
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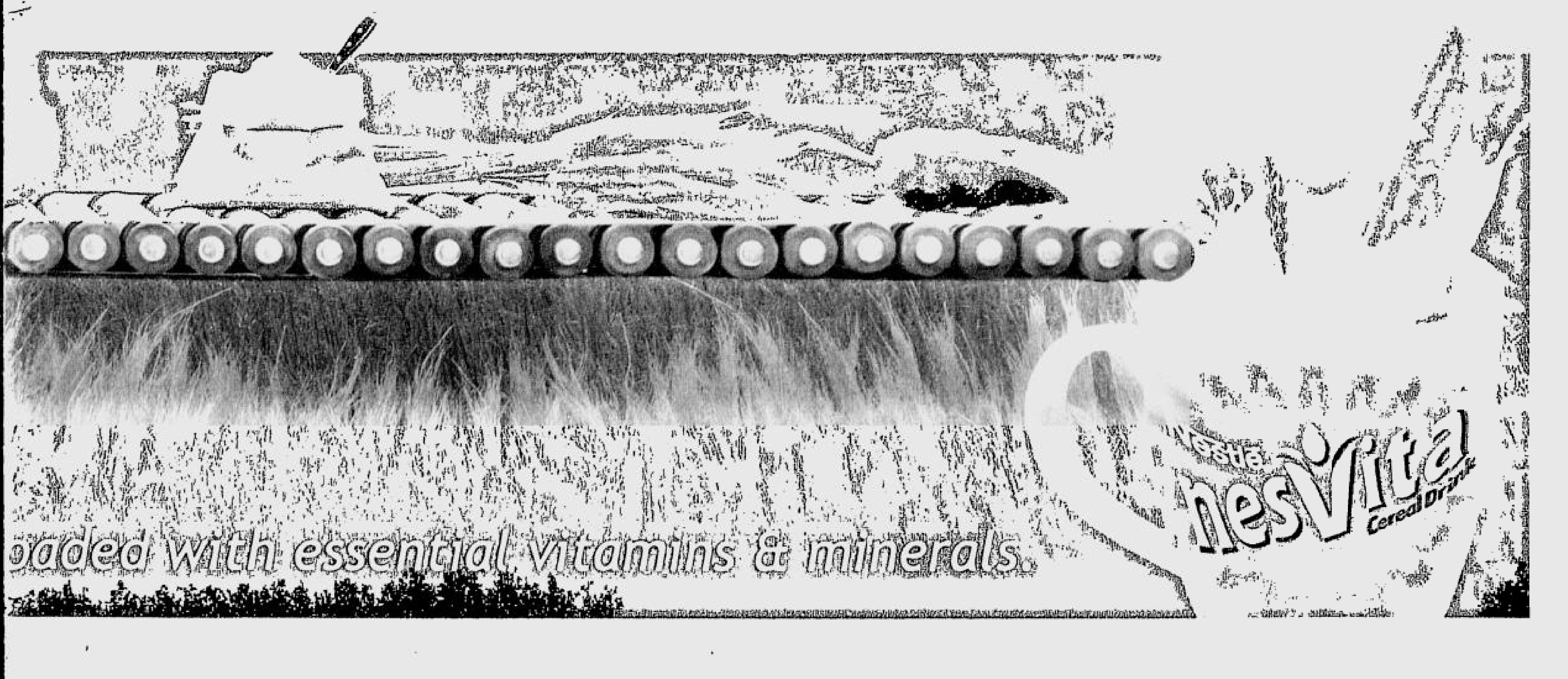
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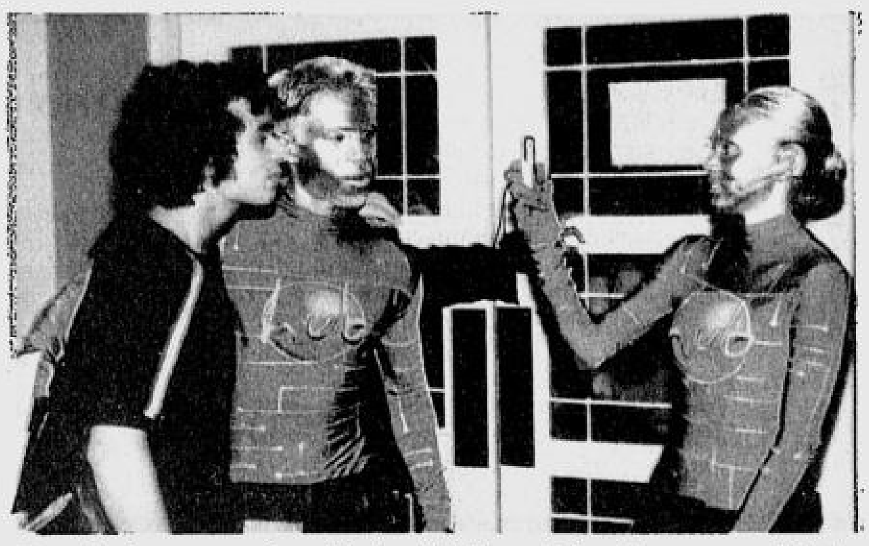
Clad in futuristic body suits with slicked faces and utility belts, the HUB Trons gamely posed for pictures as they wowed the crowd with the T610's features, the most notable of which is its QuickShare functionality. This allows users to take photos and send them through MMS, all while on the move. Digital images can be transferred easily from mobile phone to PCs and other devices. On top of that, the handset has an extra large 65,536 color LCD display. ■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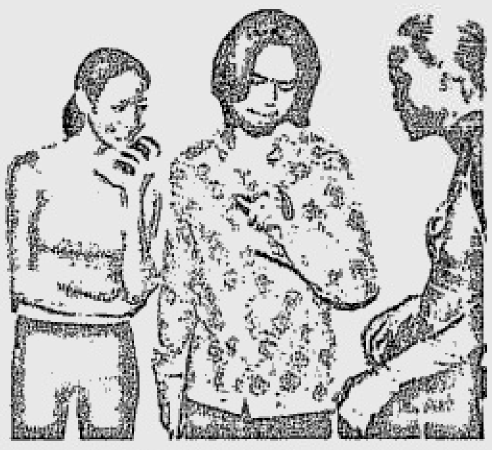
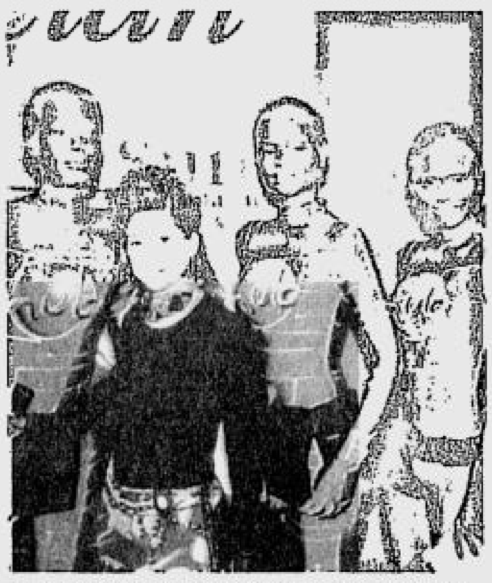
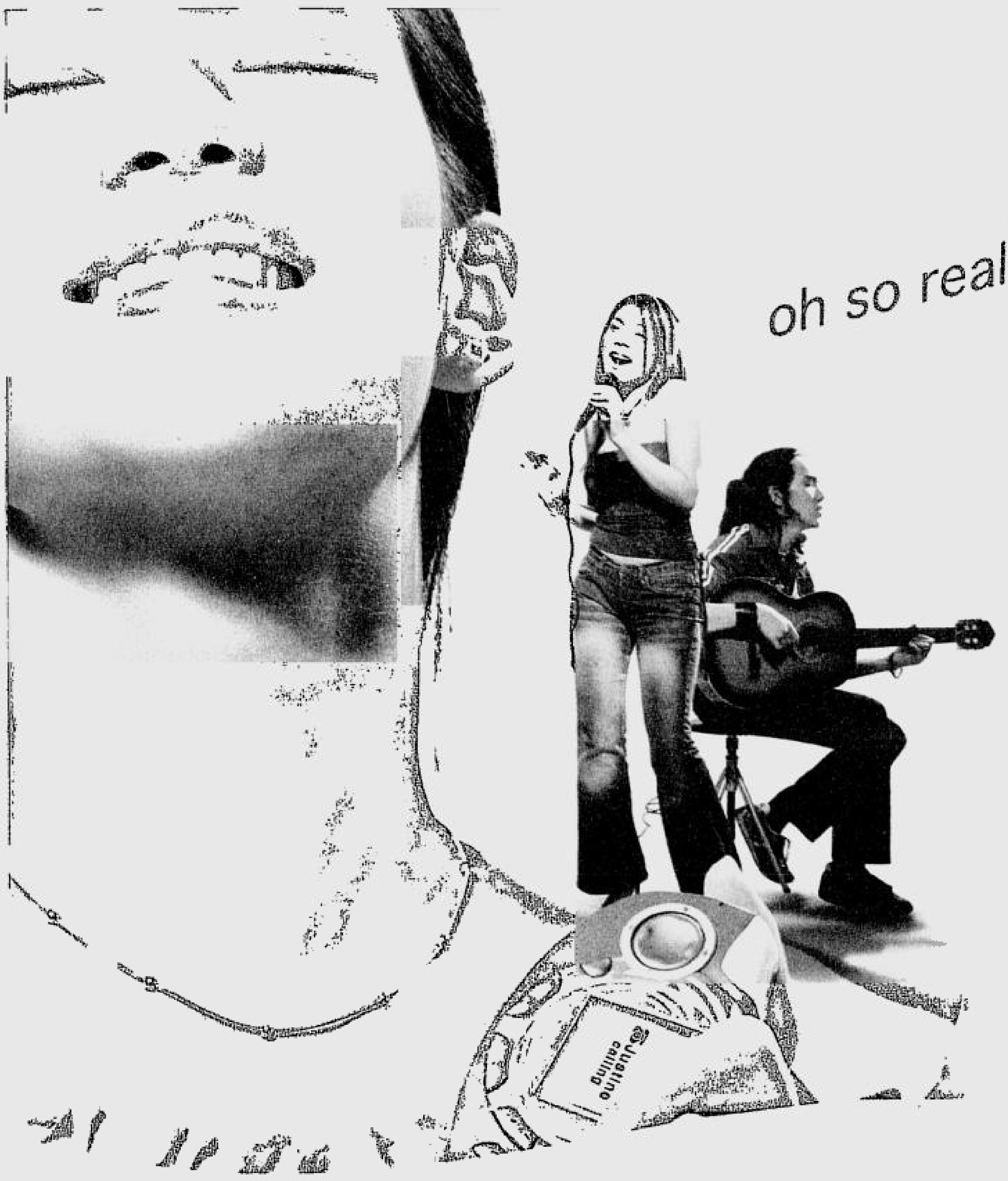
Look who's with the Hub Trons: Business tycoon Ben Chan.


The Hub Trons demonstrate the new Sony Ericsson T610 to Bea and Martin Valdes.


One of the gang: Tessa Prieto-Valdes strikes a pose with the Hub Trons.

Loreal's Leica Carpo with the Hub Trons.



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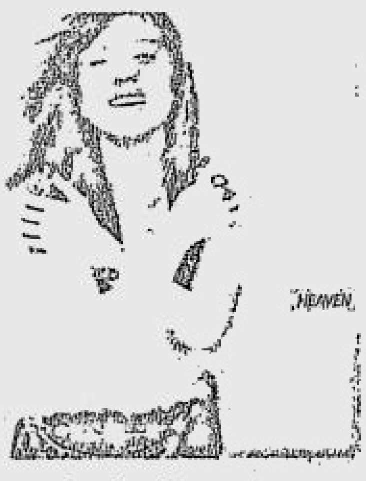

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The legacy of the Nobel Prize-winning author is kept alive by the foundation named after her

Pearl S. Buck's foundation tries to make earth good for children

By Rowena C. Burgos

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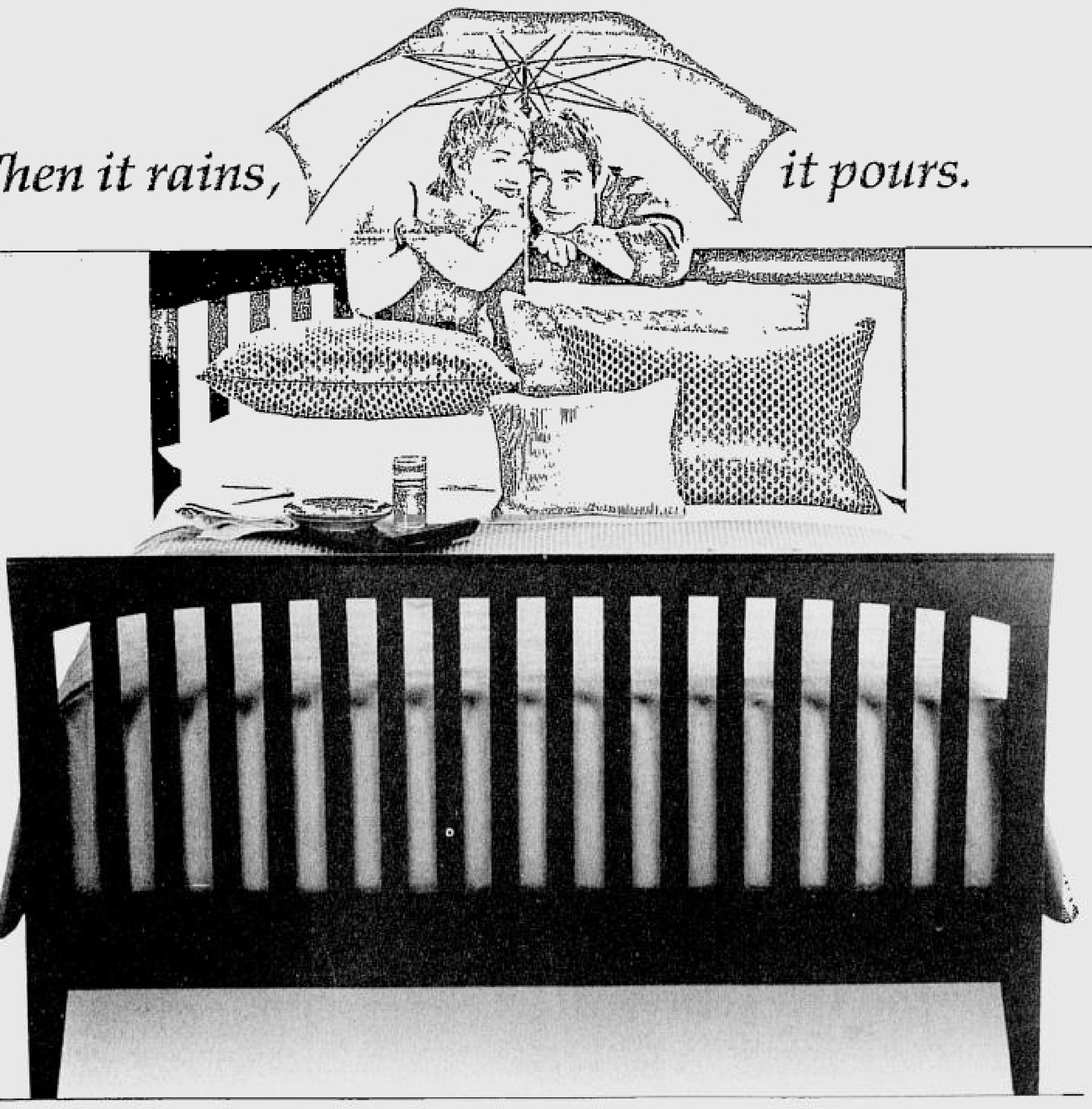

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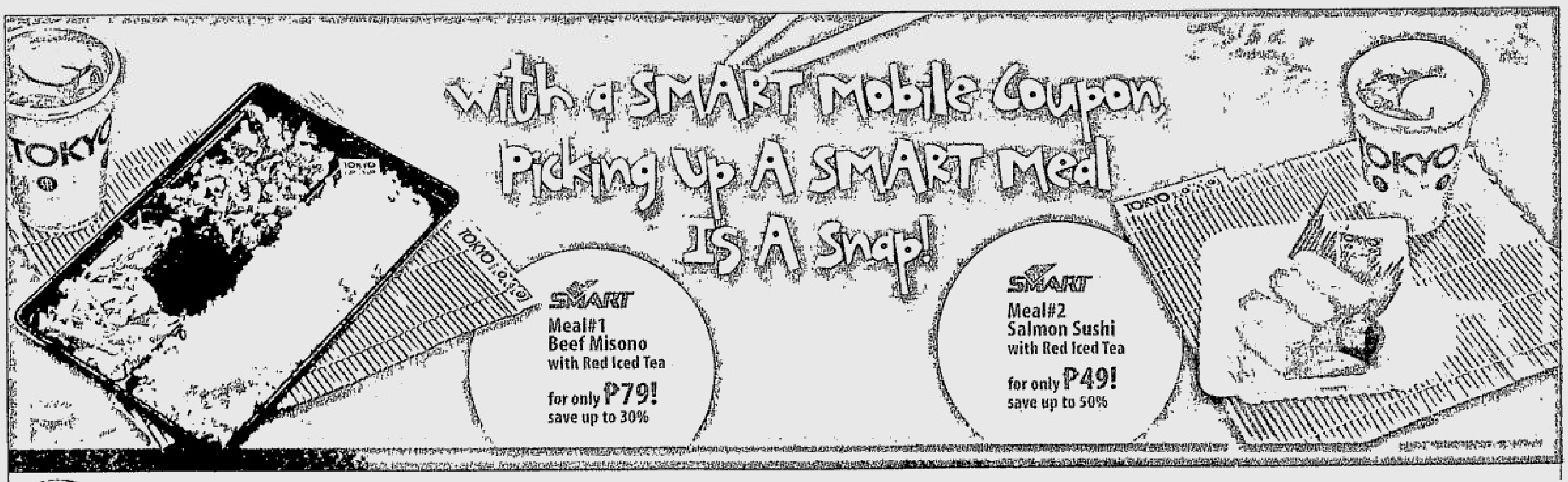

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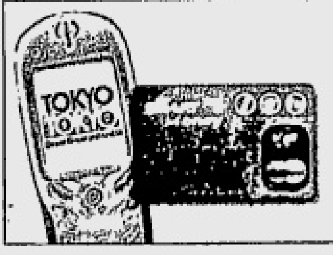

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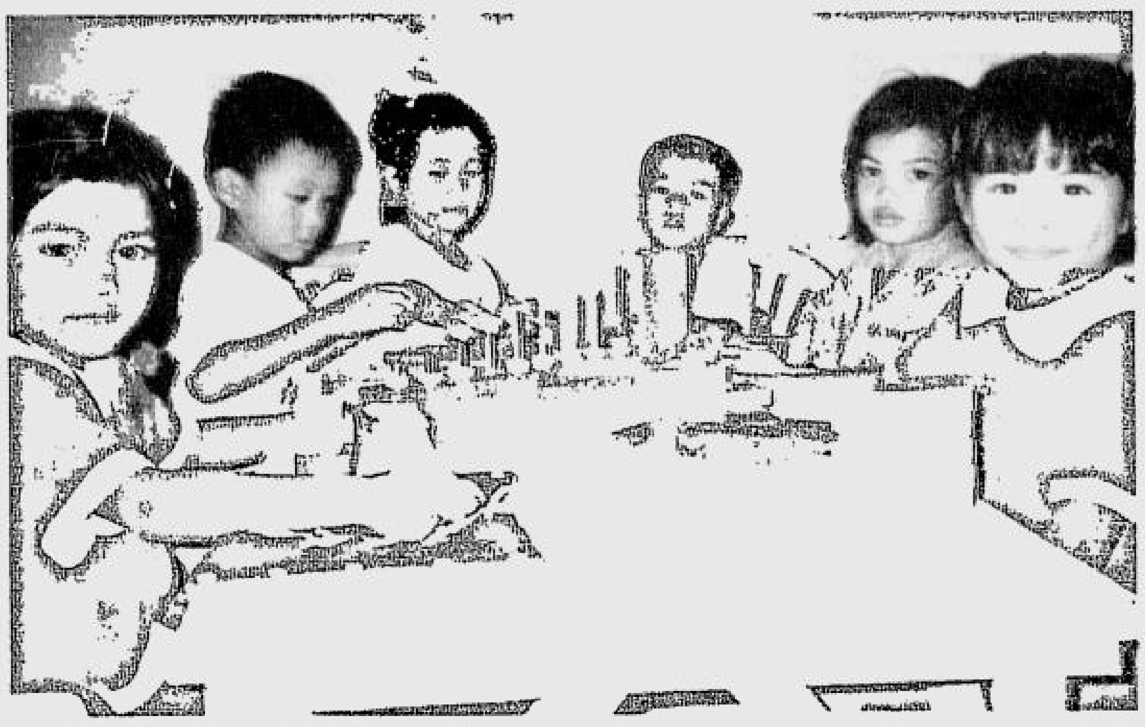

OLONGAPO Day Care Center, Mangan Vaca Resettlement Area

PEARL S. Buck Foundation-Philippines, Inc. supports Aeta children in Madapdap Resettlement Area in Mabalacat, Pampanga.

Pearl S. Buck's foundation tries to make earth good to children

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ceived, which he never experienced from his real father.

The 18-year-old is one of 52,000 Filipino children of American fathers who have largely been neglected and ignored by the United States and Philippine governments.

Many, if not most, of them, mainly women and kids, have become part of the poor and marginalized sectors of society.

In 1993, a class suit was filed by the women's groups Gabriela and Buklod on behalf of the Amerasian children against the United States Navy (USN), whose personnel visiting the then Subic Naval Base in Olongapo City fathered many of the children. The suit asked the USN to pay for the medical and education expenses of the impoverished Filipino kids fathered and abandoned by American servicemen. The suit was dismissed, but it heightened awareness of the plight of the Amerasian children.

When Pearl S. Buck-International (PSBI) first came to the Philippines in 1969, it worked mainly to help Amerasians around US military bases in Olongapo in Zambales and the city of Angeles in Pampanga. It expanded its area of coverage to Ormoc and Cebu in 1980.

Nobel laureate's legacy

PSBI in the Philippines has been promoting the legacy and dreams of its founder, Pearl S. Buck, a Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning author. After spending 40 years in China, Buck, author of the book "The Good Earth," became an activist primarily on behalf of Chinese Americans upon her return to the US. She fought for the grant of citizenship to these people.

A supporter of the first human rights initiative to secure the status of biracial children in many countries, Buck dedicated her energy and resources to promoting human rights and inter-cultural understanding. She fought against discrimination, prejudice and bigotry, which had a negative impact on the lives of children.

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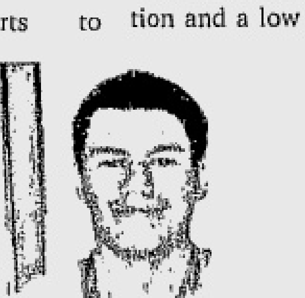
PEARL Buck Foundation Phils. Inc. officers: Veronica Villavicencio, BOD member; Rep. James Gordon Jr., VP; Janet Mintzer, CEO and president, PSBI; Myrna Yao, president; Veronica Tapia-Merk, auditor; and Marilyn Manuel, BOD member RUDY ESPERAS

"These are the precious souls, rejected by their own society and denied access to basic rights and privileges, simply because they are orphaned, handicapped, stateless, or minority by race, ethnicity, religion or gender," says Janet Mintzer, chief executive officer and president of PSBI.

Today, more than 60 years after she founded her first organization, the East and West Association, the several organizations Buck founded have merged and become PSBI, but still committed to continuing her effort to improve the lives of socially, politically and economically ostracized children.

"Through efforts to strengthen communities and families as well as the development of local programming partnerships, PSBI now serves more than 100,000 children, their families and caregivers annually," Mintzer says.

The children PSBI serves are ethnic and racial minorities; disabled, including those affected by HIV/AIDS; orphans and those who need a new family; and refugees, displaced or stateless.



GILBERT Ramirez, 18, a sponsored child of PSBP, displays his judo championship medals.

Programs

PSBI delivers assistance to communities through four program areas: health, education, livelihood skills training and psychosocial protection and development.

"Our work builds the capacities of caregivers, families and local partner institutions to improve the quality of life and expand opportunities for the children we serve," Mintzer says.

To improve the health of children, PSBI programs provide services like basic health care for mothers and infants, and counseling in HIV/AIDS prevention of affected communities.

To provide educational opportunities for children, the foundation assists students at all levels, with payments and loans for tuition, supplies, and other educational expenses.

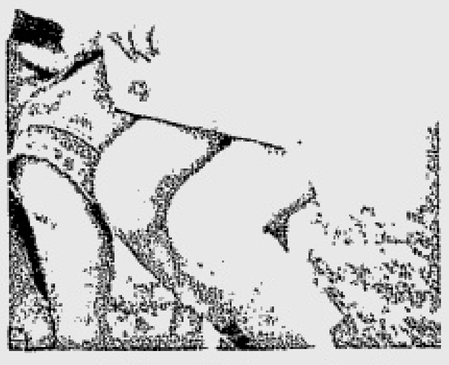
To make sure families have the means to provide for themselves and their children, PSBI helps develop their professional and vocational skills or obtain micro-credit loans to start their own small businesses.

To counter the effects of discrimination and a low sense of self-worth on children and their families, the foundation provides counseling and workshops to build self-esteem, pride and knowledge of basic human rights.

"The best and most effective means for children and their families to develop into happy and productive members of society are good health, basic education, marketable skills and a positive self-image," Mintzer says.

In the Philippines, PSBP works with families, communities and partner institutions in implementing programs to combat the effects of injustices on children.

"The foundation is bent on helping more people by maximizing whatever funds we have. We plan to go to the remotest depressed areas that are not reached by other foundations. PSBP is committed to facilitating self-reliance, self-help, popular participation and sustainable development, so as to avoid dependency," says Myrna Yao, president of PSBP.



CHILDREN from Manila receive gifts from their sponsors.

Those who want to help the Pearl S. Buck Foundation-Philippines, Inc. can call 9255956 to 57/9255960; fax 9255961; e-mail pearlsbuck@skyinet.net. Or visit its office at 28-A Eugenio Lopez St., South Triangle, QC.

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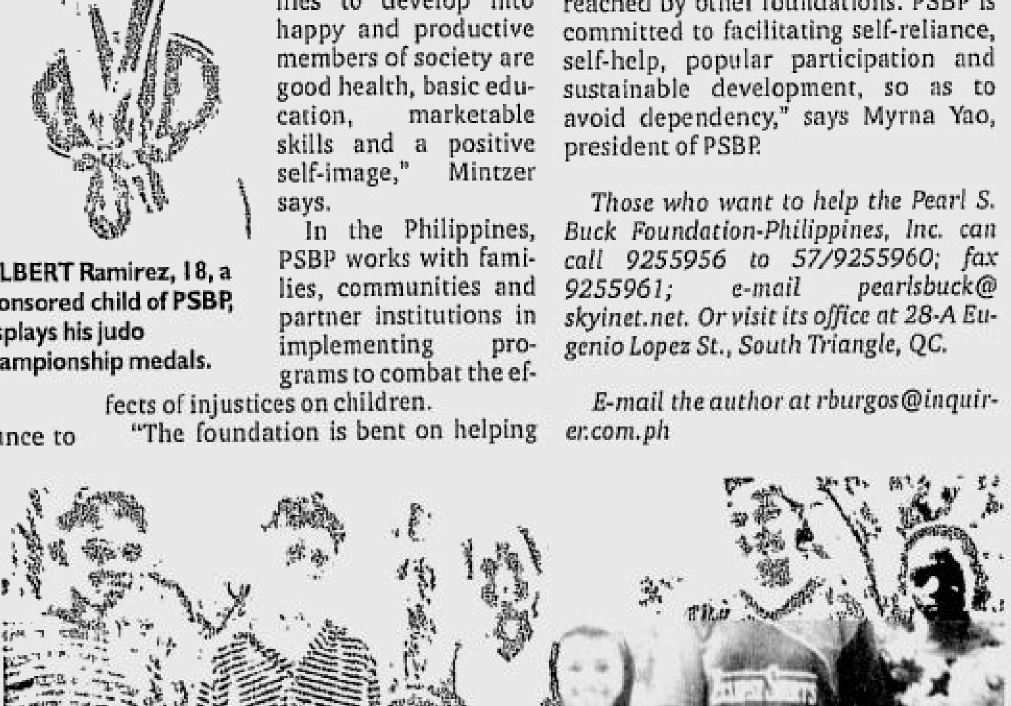

PSBP'S sponsored children in Ormoc and Cebu attend a youth camp.

SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Donna J. Stone SPRING GREEN

ACROSS
1 Novelist Carr
6 "Sesame Street" subject
10 Change the decor
14 Philosophy
19 "That's —" ('53 tune)
20 Wonka's creator
21 The yoke's on them
22 Silenced a squeak
23 Start of a remark by Rodney Dangerfield
26 Bare
27 Tijuana title
28 Mythical vessel
29 Reformer Dorothea
30 Toboggan
31 He may woo ewe
33 Comic Charlotte
35 Furrow
36 Part 2 of remark
46 "Peter Pan" pirate
47 Disturbed the peace?
48 Open an envelope
49 Football's Luckman
51 Stroke
54 12 doz.
55 Cranston or Lerner
56 Big party
57 FBI employee
58 Part 3 of remark
62 Wrestler Hulk
63 It's in the bag
64 Rock's —, Wind and Fire
65 Wander
66 Actress Graves
67 Bull or boar
68 Pianist Cliburn
69 Cafeteria item
70 Cry like a baby
73 Petty clash?
75 Like chiffon
77 Mushroom part
80 Bee and Em
81 Part 4 of remark
83 Mad — hatter
84 Trot or gallop
85 Artist Mondrian
86 Superman's rival Luthor
87 "Much appreciated!"
89 Cockpit fig.
90 Study closely
91 Illinois city
94 Wordsworth or Whittier
95 Part 5 of remark
100 Neighbor of Okla.
101 Lennon's lady
102 Lyric poem
103 Bites
105 102 Across subject
107 Tidy
111 Kind of quartz
115 Boca —, FL
116 End of remark
120 Cremona craftsman
121 To — (perfectly)
122 Mediterranean port
123 Make one's hair stand on end?
124 Mint —
125 Pitcher Wilhelm
126 Actress Sedgwick
127 — Junction, VT

DOWN
1 Rotating disk
2 Carter and Irving
3 Rob of "The Outsiders"
4 "— go bragh!"
5 "Age — beauty"
6 Commercials
7 Lower California
8 Chastity's mom
9 Metal refuse
10 Milne creature
11 Seeped
12 Actor Arnaz
13 Intaglio material
14 Seek advice
15 Theater district
16 Peter's "A Shot in the Dark" co-star
17 Legal document
18 Strange
24 Latin paradigm part
25 "M" man
32 Geographical abbr.
34 Help
35 Destroy
36 PR concern
37 Sealy competitor
38 "— whiz!"
39 Gold brick?
40 "— Dallas Forty" ('79 film)
41 David of "Rhoda"
42 Cairo creed
43 Potter's need
44 Grammarian's concern
45 Marner or Lapham
46 "Git, Garfield!"
50 Actor Andrews
52 Real bargains
53 "— We Dance?" ('51 song)
55 Orthodontists' org.
56 Like many horror films
59 Archaic preposition
60 A Muse
61 Leibman or Ely
62 Dickens' "Cricket on the —"
66 "Trick or —!"
67 Swimmer Biondi
68 Kilmer of "Willow"
69 Designer Lapidus
70 Icelandic epic
71 Misgiving
72 Concord
73 Satin quality
74 — peeve
75 Yarn unit
76 Put the whammy on
77 Kayak, for one
78 Requested
79 Bygone
81 Rin Tin Tin's father
82 — podrida
85 11th president
88 Likely
90 Carrot kin
91 Tenor Peerce
92 Maine town
93 Terrible age?
96 "Breakfast at Tiffany's" author
97 Shrek's sidekick
98 Leading man?
99 Void
103 Famed orca
104 Printer's abbr.
105 Bountiful setting
106 Press process
108 "Star Wars" critter
109 Crooked
110 "— she blows!"
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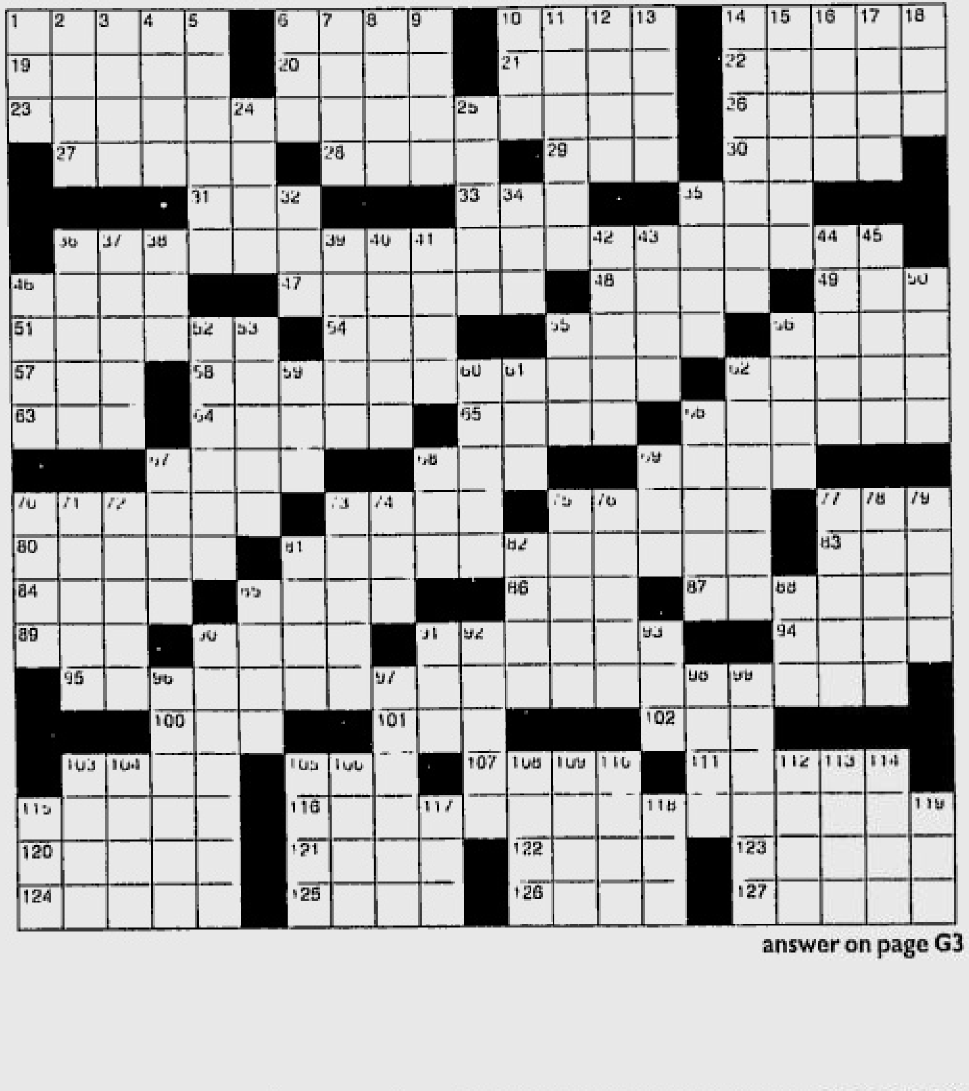

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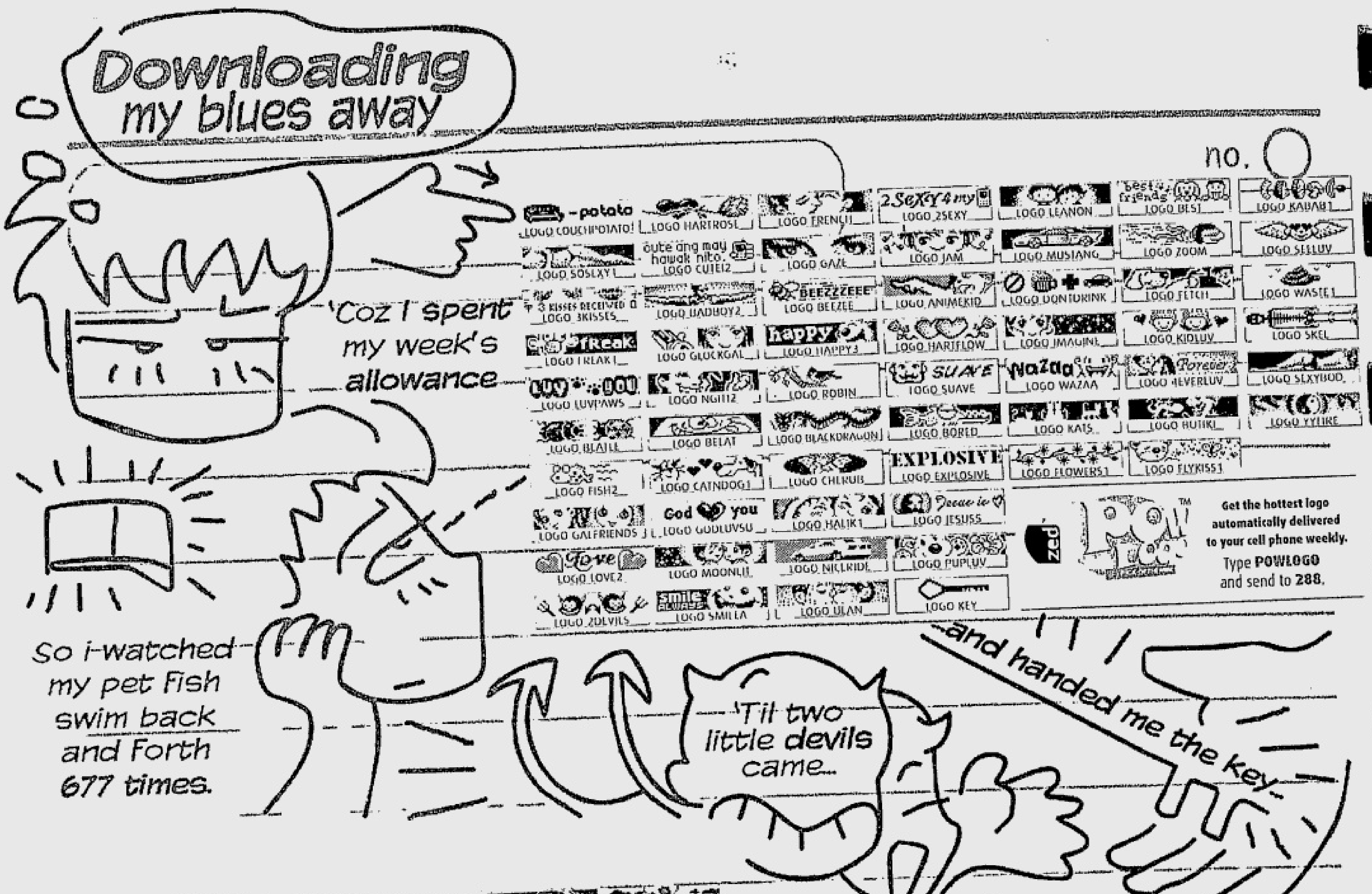
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LOGO ROBIN
SUAVE
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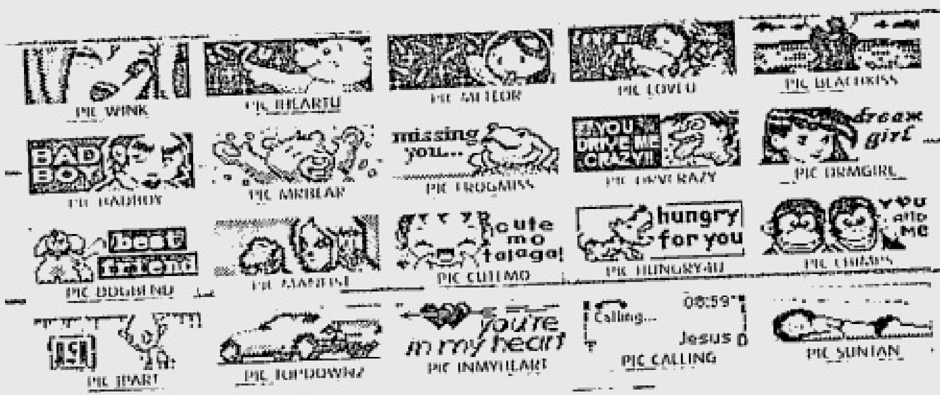
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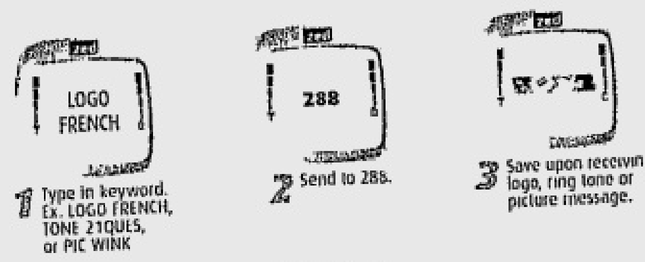
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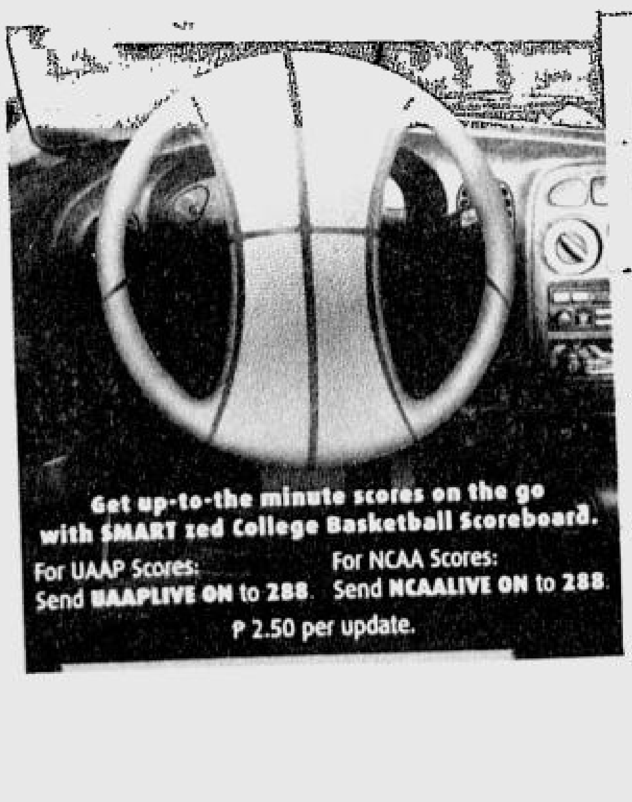

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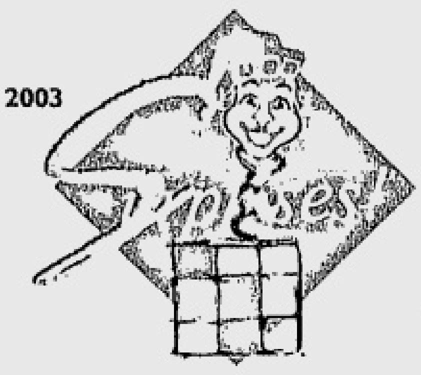

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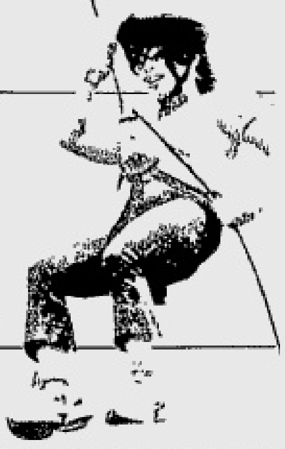

I AM TOTALLY hooked. Like the golf bug that hit me when I was 12 or the scuba-diving fever that came when I was 25, the virus of the triathlon has caught me. Now, even its derivative sport called Adventure Racing is in my system.

Like triathlon, Adventure Racing (AR) is a multi-sport activity, where various skills are tested such as trekking, orienteering, rappeling, rock climbing, etc. But unlike triathlon, which is a structured swim-bike-run race, AR is a different ball game altogether.

The event can last from a few hours to several days, like the Eco-Challenge. The race course could be in an urban or jungle setting or a combination of both. There is even a winter version, which presumably would let me use sherpas to aid me with my winter-wear collection. AR is not so much about the possession of multiple skills, but rather dogged determination, the ability to overcome obstacles, and just plain, all-around fun.

The best thing about this sport is that it's a team effort. Normally composed of two to five members, team dynamics play an integral factor in the success or failure of the group. But, in truth, it's the best thing for me because work can be delegated among the members as assigned by the team captain. Needless to say, in my team I perform the least amount of duties.

San Mig Light hosted the Enduro Adventures Media and Celebrity Race last month and invited the INQUIRER to field a team. My editor, **Chelo Banal-Formoso**, was on the verge of trashing the invitation, but in a sudden flash of editorial brilliance, e-mailed it to me knowing I am more of a Tri-Princess than a Sea Princess these days.

I was so excited about the invite that I composed the INQUIRER's four-member team that very same day. The team was truly diverse yet dynamic. We had partyphile, stage actor and INQUIRER Super's creative director, **Tim Yap**; INQUIRER Circulation's strong triathlete-in-training for the Iron Man Race, **Roy Adeva**; INQUIRER subscriber, Metro Adventure and Recreation Club chair, **Mon Marchan**; and for the required female member, good ol' *moi*—INQUIRER Lifestyle triathlete, Sea Princess.

Dream team

The team name was the next order of the day. There were several tossed around: Team Glam, The Wimps, PDI Adventurers, Team Fearless, Team PDI and Team Glamazons, but we ended with the most positive and homonymic name of all—Team Yup.

Since Tim and I, the more nocturnal members of the group, were incapacitated, our bigwig triathletes were sent to register the INQUIRER team at the early-morning briefing at Pier One at The Fort. As a sample activity, one of the participants, ABS-CBN Publishing's president **Ernie Lopez**, had to eat crickets and drink beer. Ernie's an organic kinda guy, so for him, drinking the beer was the more challenging part.

A week before the big race, Roy frantically informed me that because of a bike crash while training, he had sustained bruises on his arms and shoulders. Luckily, he broke no bones. I was panic-stricken because I knew Team Yup needed him more than Tim and I combined. A real pro, Roy was apprehensive of joining because he would not be 100 percent race-ready by Saturday.

But I figured that Roy at 30-percent readiness would be just about right for our team—that way he wouldn't leave us totally behind. Besides, we would then have a neat excuse for not winning and I wouldn't get the blame for slowing down the team. After I told him we just had to beat the other publication teams, he was ready to race.

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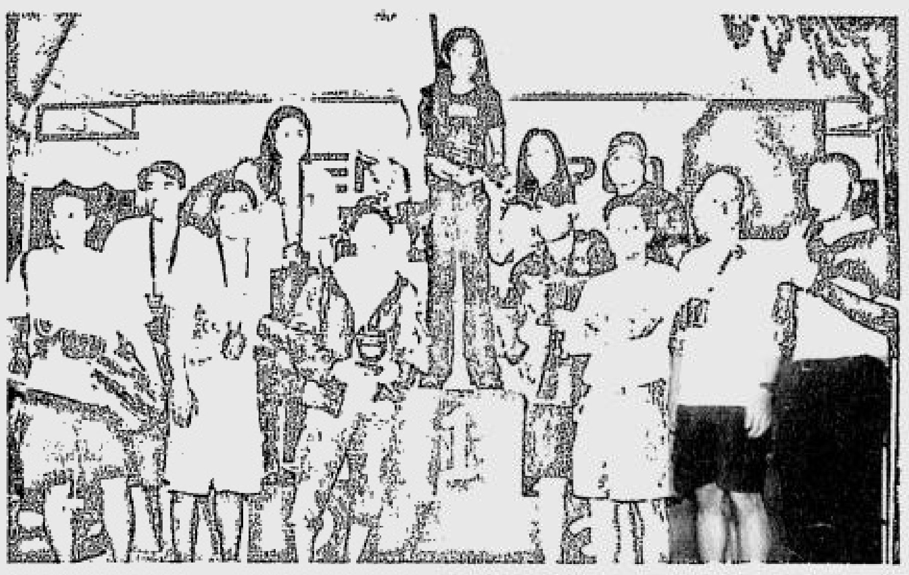
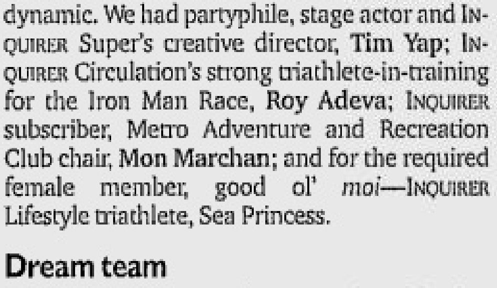
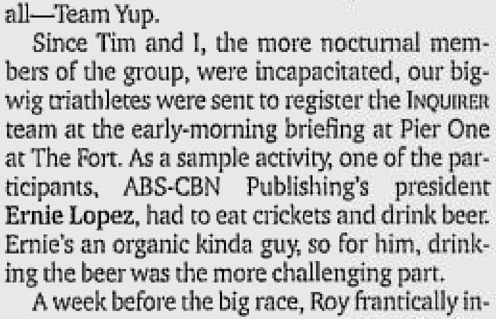
We ended up 4th or 5th in the race, depending on who was counting, but we were best-dressed



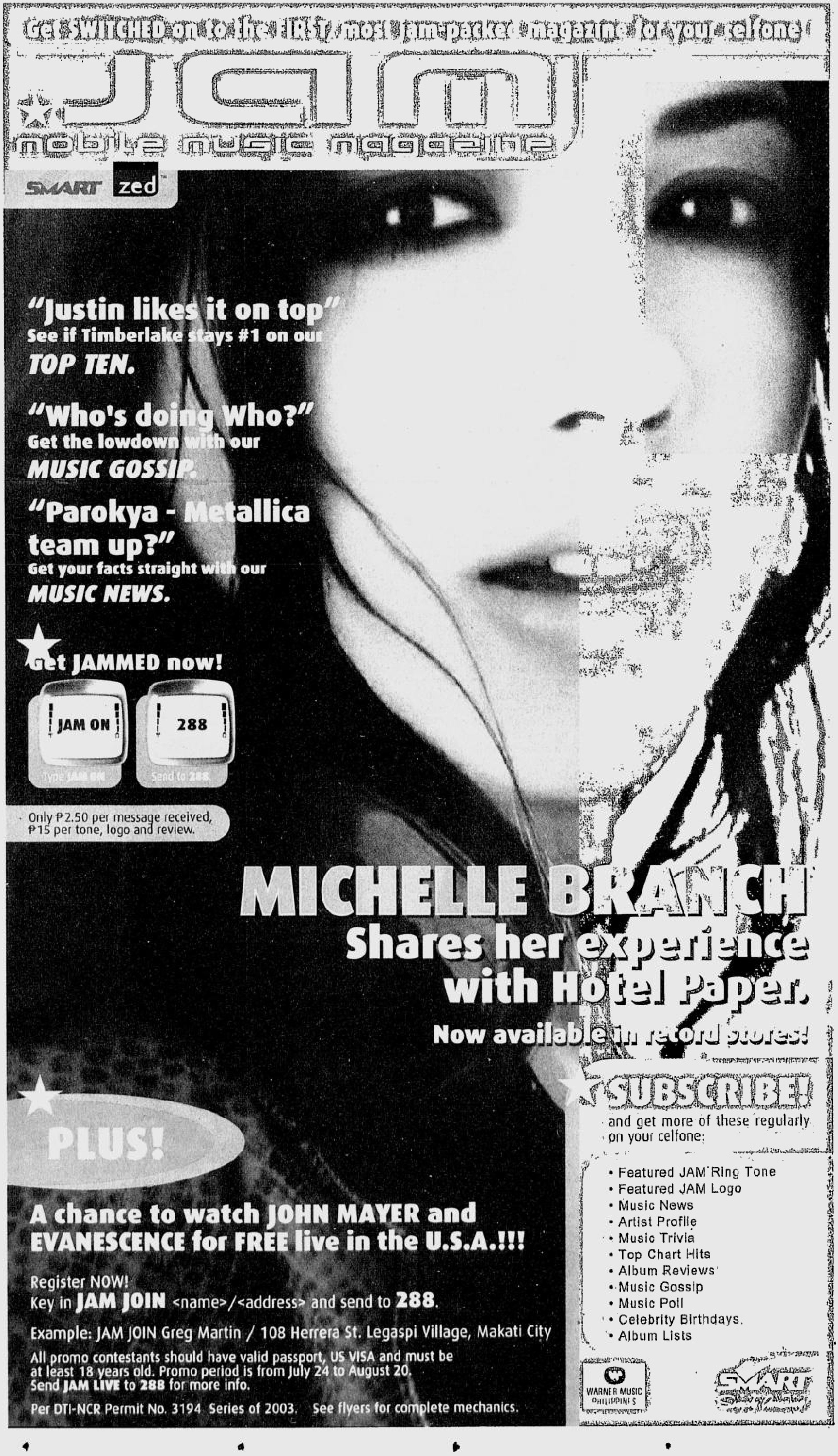
TEAM SMC All-Stars, composed of Ice Cristobal, Tony Boy Espinosa, Jaypee Pacheco and Mark Victoria, wins the Enduro San Mig Light Adventure Race. Paolo Abrera calls out the winners.



RAIN didn't dampen the Team Yup victory. Mon Marchan, Tim Yap, Sea Princess and Roy Adeva



MY novena flower vendor, Mercy, strikes a pose with Team Yup.



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THIRD placer, Team Kulelat: Ernie Lopez, Udsie Villarica (for support), Chok Martinez, Naira Orbeta and Marty Villarica

TRIATHLETES in AR form, Team DOM: Tetet Lara, Miguel Lopez, Larry Ocampo and Gerry Limcaoco

STRONG second placer, Team Game Plan: Tricia Chiongbian, Carlo Ledesma, Akiko Thompson and Rovilson Fernandez

MY inspiration, Derek Ramsey

OKAY, my other inspiration, Illac Diaz

COOKOUT at Aling Tonya's

Another feather in my boa

PHOTOS: JUN CAPULONG AND JEENA LOPEZ

From page G1

After painfully avoiding toxins for three days before the race (team captain Mon said we wouldn't win this race just on our gorgeous looks), Tim and I were race-ready that Saturday morning despite having only about four hours of sleep.

We lacked sleep because until about 2 a.m., we had been coordinating our Fila-sponsored gear together. Avant-garde in-house designer friend **Mich Dulce** gave me this cute, pink Fila top with puffed sleeves which I wore with my brand-new, spider-looking Fila running shoes. With Tim's bright yellow cap, we were the most colorful and best-dressed team (the special awards are always more memorable).

Checking out the competition was torture. Athletic-looking bodies swarmed all over the Eastwood Center with everyone looking hot to take off.

My inspiration

I spotted my day's inspiration, **Derek Ramsey**, and made sure we would be near his team for some strategic, rear-end viewing. Reviewing our main goal, Team Yup decided all we wanted was to either complete the race and/or beat the Manila Bulletin Team. Unfortunately, Philippine Star didn't join.

At the sound of the gun, we were off, blowing our best wishes to the Just for Kicks Team and running to the first puzzle all tied to each other. Luckily, we "got" the lock combination to the clue box and headed to the next station. As we headed out, we spotted the Bulletin team still searching, so we were in high spirits as goal #1 was looking doable.

The race had us trekking all over Metro Manila. From the Eastwood area to Makati to Baclaran, Chinatown, to Quezon City and back, all the while riding various modes of transportation. There was a boat ride, a van ride, an LRT ride, a *kalesa* ride, a cart box ride and a pedicab ride.

But the most difficult run was along Roxas Boulevard across the Baclaran church. Even if my weekly novena takes me to this area, I had never run along the busy, polluted street.

Our task was to run to the Seaside Market and look for **Aling Tonya** and there, do the market, cook and eat the food, and get the next clue. Captain Mon had offered to carry my vanity backpack so I could keep up. Later, Roy in turn offered to carry Tim's orange backpack. Now, isn't that great teamwork!

At the market, I heard someone shouting, "Jessa! Jessa!" It was **Mercy**, my flower vendor in Baclaran during my Tuesday-night novenas. Either we were never truly introduced and she was half-guessing my name, or she thought I was a certain buxom councilor's wife-singer. Do I look like that? Anyway, Mercy saved us valuable time, gladly leading us to Aling Tonya.

Tahong was the menu of the day, primarily because it cooked fast. Thanks to Mon and Roy, we were out of there ahead of Team Game Plan, who I heard had to even wash dishes because they ran out of money to pay for the gigantic fish they ordered. **Akiko Thompson** and **Rov Fernandez** were shocked that a bunch of Lifestlye writers/party animals were ahead of them. Hey, I guess we just eat right!

As we ran off, I said goodbye to Mercy and bought two dozen white roses, the more for Roy to carry! Our next location was the Post Office Building in Manila, which we got to via an oven-temperature ride on the unair-conditioned LRT.

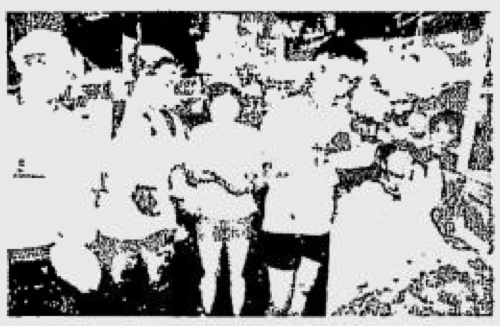
Rappeling photo-op

Rappeling was the skill to accomplish, and the four floor-high side of the building was the venue. Good thing we had done a crash course practice at **Jeena Lopez's** Play Underground in Rockwell.

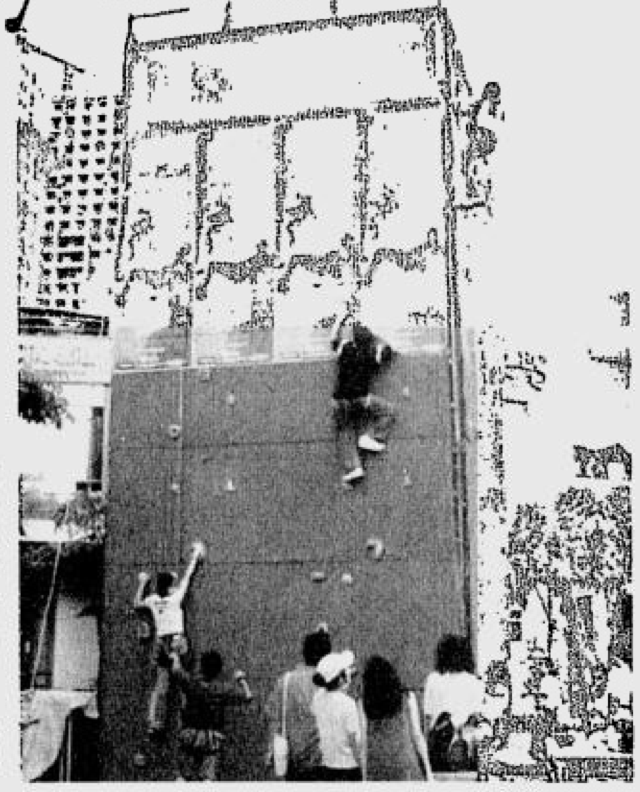
The rappeling stunt felt almost like free fall, but we did it even if we temporarily lost blood circulation in our lower extremities. Those ropes were tight! Despite the pain, Team Yup did a photo-op using a Sony Digicam.

The photo won the "Enduring Shot" Award. Like I said, the special awards are more memorable.

The next clue involved a *kalesa* ride (clue: "take a one-horsepower vehicle to Binondo") to buy Chinese hopia, with the specific flavor written in Chinese characters. Well, we had a real advantage here because we had Mr. "Meteor Garden" himself, Tim Yap of Team Yup. With his F4 'do, Tim accomplished the work and got the next clue in the fastest time possible.


"HOW much are the bananas?" Seaside Market has not seen so many adventure racers.

THE FASTEST way to go: the oven-temperature ride on the LRT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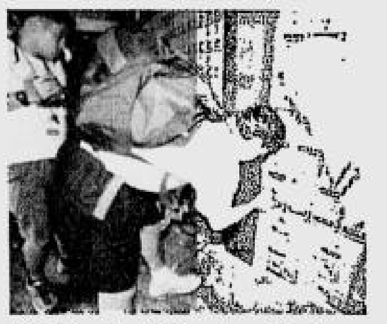
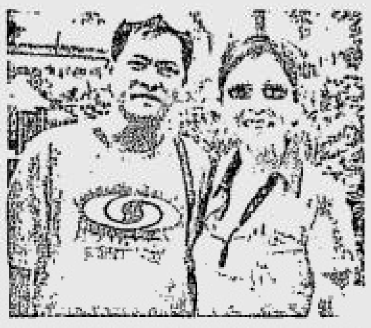

RACE against time: Looking for the next clue in the P.O. Box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Our team was just gelling. After a mini "Fear Factor"-like eating stunt involving Chinese health foods, we were off in search of a giant, red-beaked kind of bird. Luckily, I avoided all of the Chinese food, conveniently using my being vegetarian as an excuse. Analyzing the clue led us to the Quezon City Wildlife Park.

At this point, the marshals noted that Team Yup was now in first place! Our humble goals of just completing the race and finishing ahead of MB had been upgraded, so that there was the possibility we could win the whole she-bang.

Team Kuleta members Ernie Lopez and **Marty Villarica** were likewise shocked that we were there ahead of them and asked whether we were cheating or not. But we just smiled, 'coz good looks combined with triathlete muscles got us ahead.

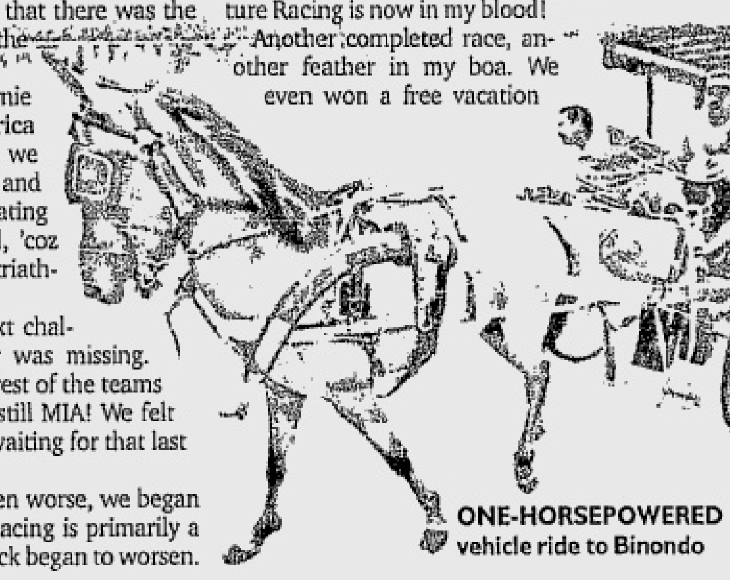
As we moved to the next challenge, our assigned driver was missing. Aargh! As we watched the rest of the teams pass us by, our driver was still MIA! We felt like a plane on the tarmac waiting for that last passenger to board.

Now in sixth place or even worse, we began to realize that Adventure Racing is primarily a test of character. Our bad luck began to worsen. We were given the wrong instructions to the next clue and only corrected this after we had wasted 10 minutes. As we slipped farther back into the middle of the peloton, so to speak, we were back to our original goal.

The remaining tasks were a ride on a pedicab (Roy pedaled, the three other members sulked), quail catching, a wooden cart assembly, frog diving and rock-climbing. By this time, the rain was pouring heavily. We were drenched. Now I understood why the verb "dampen" is used with "enthusiasm."

Despite the late hiccups, Team Yup still managed to finish a very impressive and respectable 4th place, or maybe it was 5th, depending on who was counting. Whatever. Adventure Racing is now in my blood!

Another completed race, another feather in my boa. We even won a free vacation trip to Boracay. We hear there is an upcoming race there before the yearend, so maybe this is a sign from God. If we were a threat to Team Game Plan, the eventual winners, then Team Yup had indeed accomplished a lot. We can only get stronger and faster (and more colorful).


ONE-HORSEPOWERED vehicle ride to Binondo

Badminton high

While on the subject of sports, let me digress a bit and talk about badminton—the sport du jour. I recently attended the 2003 JVC Open Badminton Championships' press conference and even played a doubles game where national team player **Kennevic Asuncion** and I creamed our celebrity opponents, **Maritoni Fernandez** and **Hans Montenegro**.

I hadn't even played badminton in years. But I shouldn't be so proud, because it was my partner Kennevic who won it for us. After all, he is the Philippines' No. 1 player, so you could imagine that my primary task was to shout at every shot, "Yours!"—even if the shuttlecock was just a foot away from me.

I will join the competition this Aug. 25, competing in the celebrity bracket since I can't fake my age and fall under the Juniors (18 and under) category. And I am not even going to dream of competing in the elite division, unless Kennevic is my partner again.

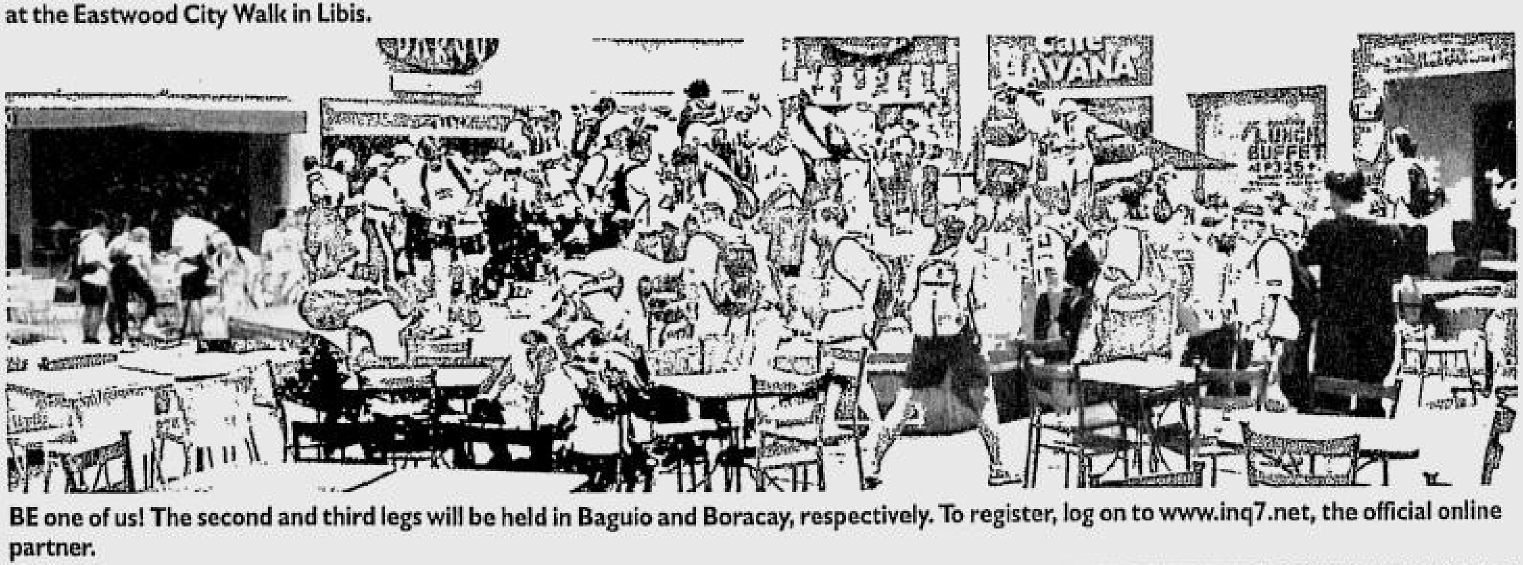
The best part about this event is that it's going to be held in a mall, specifically at the Glorietta Activity Center. So, in case I lose, then I can lick my wounds by shopping. And if I win, I can celebrate by shopping as well!

Check out www.jvcopen.com for details. If anyone out there is as good as Kennevic, please be my partner. I promise to bring a cheering squad along.

Erratum: In last week's article, I mentioned that Noel Lim and Ana Katigbak spent time together in Tuscany before their wedding. This is inaccurate. It was only Noel and family who spent several months there. I would like to apologize for this mishap. Another Sea Princess fumble! I guess I have to lessen my accessories and clear my ears of all the wigs so I can hear better.

E-mail me at seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph.

20 TEAMS, or a total of 80 participants, try to outwit each other as they race to the first clue at the Eastwood City Walk in Libis.



BE one of us! The second and third legs will be held in Baguio and Boracay, respectively. To register, log on to www.inq7.net, the official online partner.

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BADMINTON champions in the family. Tournament director and excellent coach Nelson Asuncion with national team kids Kennie and Kennevic

IMG's Princess Galura, Gen. Edgardo Aglipay and Gosen's Kay Sham

KEEP your eye on the shuttlecock! Hans Montenegro during the practice round

Assumption parish marks 52 years of 'amazing grace'

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Josephine Darang

WHEN the Parish of Our Lady of the Assumption in Leveriza, Malate celebrated its Golden Jubilee in August 2001, the theme of the celebration was "50 Years of *Dakilang Pagpapala*" or "50 Years of Amazing Grace."

This year, when the parish turns 52, the flow of grace continues. Its current theme is "Mother Mary, Queen of the Holy Rosary: Light of the Family."

Parish priest Msgr. Nick Blanquisco, together with *hermanos mayores* Ofelia and Manolo Poblete, will lead the people in thanking God through novena Masses and fiesta Masses.

Rosaries and novenas will be held at 5:15 p.m., followed by a Mass at 6:15 p.m. daily, until Aug. 14. Bishop Teodoro Buhain will say the Mass on Aug. 14 at 6:15 p.m. on the new altar designed by Tony Adriano.

Fiesta Masses on Aug. 15 are at 6 a.m., 9 a.m. and 12 noon. The "Misa Pro Populo" at 4:30 p.m. will be officiated by Msgr. Blanquisco.

My awareness of the Assumption parish began with my friendship with sisters Ofelia Sandejas Poblete and Virginia Sandejas Rosales, whose Sampaguita Press building stands on Quirino Ave. corner Leveriza—a five-minute walk to the church.

Another reason for visiting the parish church is its Adoration Chapel, which has the old image of St. Expeditus in the foyer.

A highlight of this year's celebration is the exhibit of different Marian images on the left wing of the church. The miraculous icon of the "Dolorosa" from Batong Paluay in San Andres, Catanduanes is included in the exhibit. Those who cannot go all the way to Catanduanes can visit the exhibit and pray to the Virgin there. It was Teddy Arcilla who brought a replica of the icon here.

History of the parish

On Sept. 8, 1951, then Manila Archbishop Gabriel Reyes declared the creation of 16 new parishes that included the Our Lady of Assumption parish.

The church was dedicated to the Virgin under this title when the dogma on the validity of Our Lady's assumption into heaven was declared in 1950.

The first parish priest was young Fr. Jesus Arcellana, who said his first Mass in the parish in the Lopez house on Agno Street on Oct. 7, 1951. Another Mass was said for the people of Leveriza in the house of the Capito family.

Since then, the parish has grown to 15,000 parishioners. The parish is composed of 15 barangays covering Taft Avenue in the east to Roxas Boulevard in the west, from the Manila Yacht Club in the north to the boundaries of Manila and Pasay in the south.

The other parish priests in the succeeding years were Msgr. Jesus Arcellana, Msgr. Rosalino Verenacion, Msgr. Vicente Dacuycuy, Fr. Romeo Fedellaga, Fr. Edgardo Merin, Fr. Sanny de Claro and Fr. Constantino Conti.

Interactive exhibit

The Archdiocese of Manila, in cooperation with various Catholic institutions, is inviting everyone to the Interactive Rosary Exhibit—a unique experience featuring multimedia presentations on the fascinating evolution of the rosary, including a virtual trip to 10 international Marian sites and highlights of the life and mission of Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton.

Among the Marian images set to grace the exhibit are Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage, Our Lady of Peñafrancia, Our Lady of Piat, Our Lady of Manaoag, and the Nuestra Señora de Guia.

The Interactive Rosary exhibit will open at the PNB Financial Center in Pasay on Aug. 15 and end Aug. 30. Exhibit hours are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. If you're interested to attend, chartered PNB shuttle buses can pick you up along Buendia Avenue near FB Harrison St.

'Try prayer, it works'

The Family Rosary Crusade is inviting children from kindergarten to Grade 6 to participate in the annual creative contest called "Try prayer, it works."

Interpretation of the theme could be through painting or other forms of art media. Ask for the entry forms from Family Rosary Crusade at Pius XII Catholic Center, UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila. Call 5216953 or 5242779. Deadline for entries is Oct. 1.

Sandugo festival

At least 5,000 guests and *balikbayans* from all over the world flew to Tagbilaran, Bohol in July to attend the second "Tigum Bol-anon Tibook Kalibutan" (TBTK), a reunion of Bol-anons held in conjunction with the province's Sandugo festival.

Sol Alturas Yu is vice president of the Metro Manila-based Tagbilaran Association of TBTK. Welcoming the guests were Gov. Erico Amentado, Rep. Edgardo Chato, Eladio Jala and Roberto Cajes, and Tagbilaran Mayor Jose Torralba.

A medical mission led by Dr. Nick Lopez of New York and Narding Mag-aso of Los Angeles also arrived to dispense free treatment to the poor.

The reenactment of the Sandugo blood compact between Datu Sikatuna and Miguel de Legazpi took place on July 20, accompanied by symbolic dancing from some tribes.

The festival was one big celebration. Planing in from Manila to welcome their *balikbayan* friends were Bernie Calibo, Purita Soliven, Milette Adame and Tagbilaran Association president Tita Lapiz

Mother Bonifacia beatification

Mother Bonifacia Rodriguez Castro, foundress of the Siervas de San Jose (Servants of St. Joseph), will be beatified on Nov. 9 in Rome. The death anniversary of Mother Bonifacia last Aug. 8 was remembered with holy Masses.

The charism of the Siervas order is to perpetuate in the Church the way of life of Jesus who, with Mary and Joseph, worked in Nazareth by means of religiously harmonized prayer and work. Their model and exemplar is the poor dwelling where Jesus, Mary and Joseph earned their keep by manual labor.

Mother Bonifacia herself had a shop with her mother in Salamanca, Spain, where they did textile trimming and other needlework. The Siervas order thus seeks to find God in the ordinariness of life.

Lay people can also do this. There are lay Josephine groups all over the world. We have in Metro Manila the Siervas de San Jose. Call them at 9271948 and ask how you can form a lay group of your own.

Manila hospital needs help

The government hospital Gat Andres Bonifacio Medical Center in Del Pan, Tondo needs help to improve its intensive care units, says Rheez Chua of Sinag Foundation.

Every Tuesday, Rheez, Boyet Morales, and Sister Cecilia Palaguas of the Dominican Sisters of Catherine of Siena go to the hospital to check on the patients and their needs.

The group also tends to the baptism of dying babies, donates medical supplies and gives transportation to indigent patients wanting to go back to their provinces. They also help in the burial of dead patients.

Those who wish to help can text Sister Cecilia at 0918-9241770 or call Dr. Dolly Luna, medical director.

Healing Mass

Fr. Theo Rustia, chaplain of the Springs of Hope healing ministry, will say a healing Mass on Aug. 14 at 7 p.m. at the St. Francis parish church on Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong. The theme of the Mass is "Celebrating the Assumption of Mary, Queen of All Nations."

OUR Lady of the Assumption in Leveriza, Malate
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Typewriter needed

Fr. Gilbert Reyes of the Sto. Niño parish in Ternate, Cavite needs a typewriter for the parish office. Those who wish to donate (even a second-hand manual typewriter will do) can text Emy Hernandez at 0919-3172289.

St. Philomena procession

A procession for St. Philomena will be held at the Holy Redeemer parish in Masambong, San Francisco del Monte, Quezon City on Aug. 10 at 4 p.m., to be led by Bishop Soc Villegas. Fiesta Masses on Aug. 11 will be at 6 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. The visiting image of the Our Lady of Manaoag will join the procession.

Guadalupe pilgrimage

Economy Tours and Travel is organizing a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico from Sept. 27 to Oct. 5. The itinerary will include visits to the Metropolitan Cathedral, Shrine of the Guadalupe, Capilla de los Milagros, Church of the Nativity, Convent of St. Francis Monastery of Santa Monica and Shrine of Sto. Niño de Praga, among others. For details, call 5264497, 3022519 or 3022568. Tour chaplain is Msgr. Abraham Esquig of Pangasinan.

Mother Teresa trip

Fr. Emmanuel Ocaña, parish priest of St. Michael parish in Tolosa, Leyte, hopes to lead the family of Sister Agostini, a nun of the Missionaries of Charity from Tacloban, to the beatification of Mother Teresa in Rome on Oct. 19.

Sister Agostini died in Jordan of terminal illness while serving the community there. She is buried in Jordan. Her brother Steve Dy says that the spirit of his sister would surely be there during the beatification.

Those who wish to join can call Miles and More Travel Co. at 4043856 or 4043726, or text Rosemarie at 0917-5409620.

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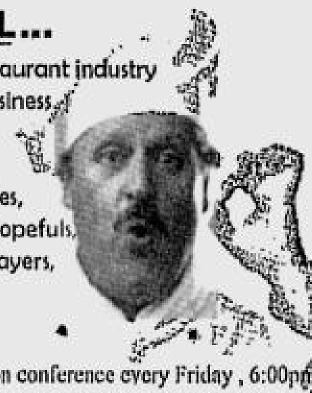

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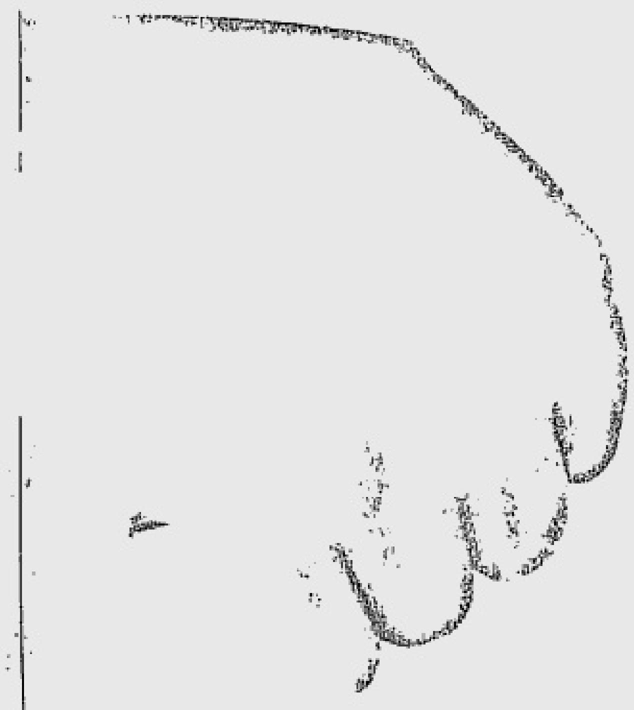

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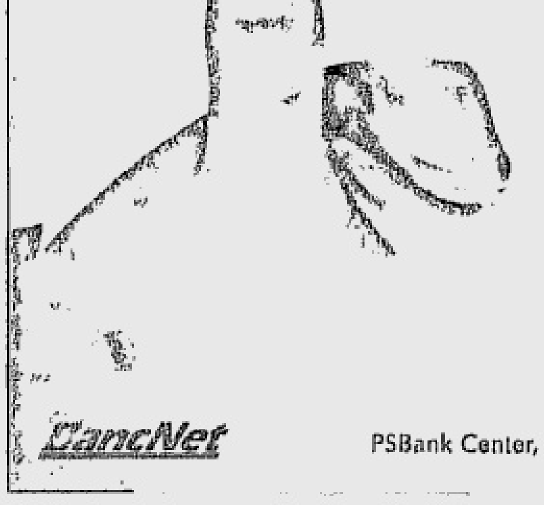

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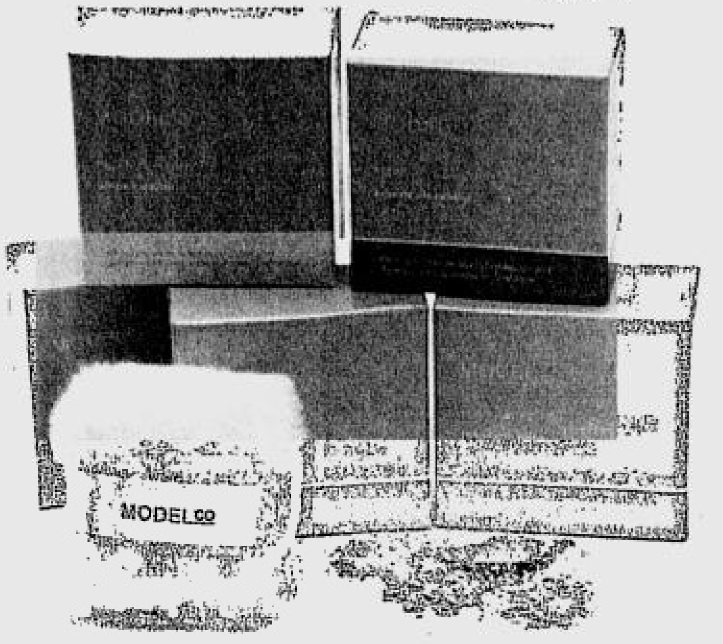

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SOS for ageless beauty

By Kitty Go
Contributor

FENG Shui preaches that one should never hang a mirror facing your bed. Rightly so, as when I get up in the morning and look at myself in the mirror, the only thing I want to do is go back to sleep… in a coffin. And that was when I was younger. These days, the recent photos of Saddam's sons look like Lancôme ads compared to my face.

Every year, the beauty market is bombarded with new products using high technology for skin care, retro packaging by some makeup artist to the stars, has-been celebrity endorsements, fragrances from ancient Tibetan grass handpicked by African virgins, face creams from a secret recipe formulated by monks who have not seen sunlight in two centuries, etc. Terribly confusing.

Add to that new beauty halls (plus exclusive membership cards) the size of convention centers in every industrialized nation, complete with both liquor and oxygen bars. You would think the world had nothing else to do but exfoliate and tone.

In the last six months, I have come across a few products that may not stop terrorism but, at least when a bomb goes off or the tanks roll in, you've got a perfect look.

The perfect serum

Before SARS and hot weather descended on Hong Kong, Catherine Bardolph, Chantecaille's general manager for international markets, introduced the company's botanical skin-care line, Aromacologie, which is perfect for humid Asian summers and more importantly, age prevention.

"Inflammation is a factor of aging," she said. "The range is designed to calm and balance the skin so it can work at its best." Chantecaille is the best-selling skin care and makeup line at Joyce Beauty Hong Kong.

By far, the most versatile anti-aging and rebalancing all-weather skin care product in the Chantecaille line is Vital Essence, an all-over gel face serum made of grape seed oil that contains antioxidants, Chinese flowers that replace estrogen, and soybean extract and seaweed that regulate sebum. It can be used as eye gel and as moisturizer under sunscreen during the day.

Owner Sylvie Chantecaille personally swears by this product in the summer or when traveling to humid countries promoting her eponymous best-selling skin care and makeup line.

Protect now, glow later

As any dermatologist will tell you, one cannot stay wrinkle-free without sun protection even if it means taking a 10-minute car ride to the mall. However, most sunscreens are not only clinical-looking but surgical-smelling. Some even go on like foundation—for a house!

Not jasmine-scented Dirty Girl Sunscreen SPF 15 Cream (Lane Crawford, Pacific Place and Canton Road and Seibu, Pacific Place). This non-greasy product is housed in an amusingly illustrated tube and is gentle enough to be used on the face and body. Because it is water-based and sweat-proof, this can go over your moisturizer and under makeup even in the most humid of days.

One of the biggest makeup challenges for Asians (from dusky *morenas* to pale *chinitas*) is blush. It is an underestimation to say that I have enough blush in the wrong colors to create pigment not only to paint my entire house, but with enough left over to use on my *askals* for the pink poodle effect.

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SOS for ageless beauty

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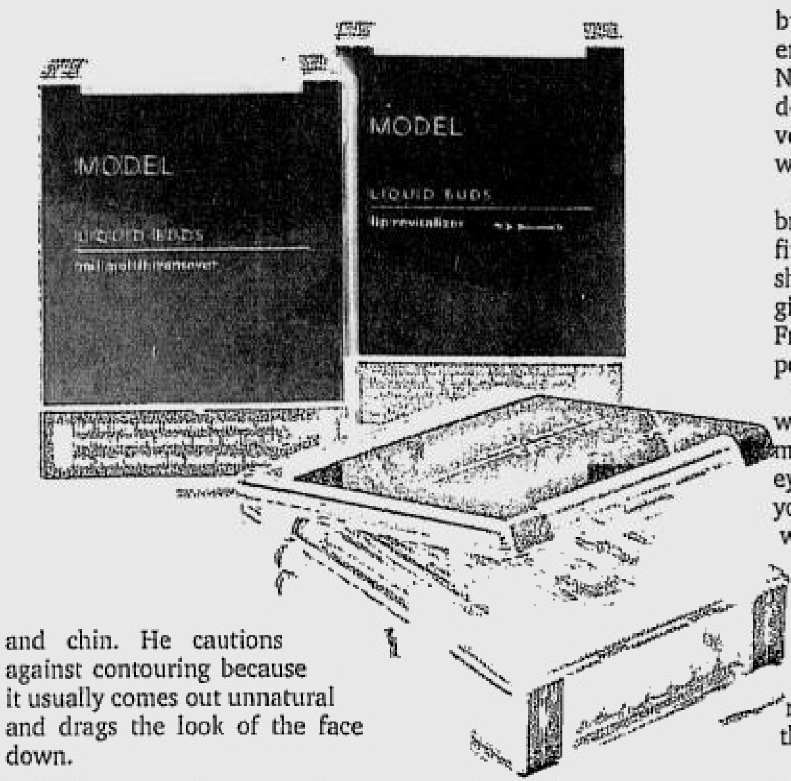
A very new (as in a year old!) cult makeup line out of Australia addresses this problem and others (more later) with ModelCo puff+blush. Floria Yiu of Veratec, who has imported the ModelCo line for Hong Kong, recommends coral-colored and citrus-scented Mandarin Julep, and dusty pink, grapefruit-scented Cosmopolitan for Asians. Cosmopolitan is Sarah Jessica Parker's blush of choice while models Kate Moss, Eva Herzigova and Sophie Dahl use everything, including gold shimmer Champagne and silvery White Russian. Nothing could be more South of France glamorous than a tan highlighted by bronzy Brandy Alexander with a cinnamon fragrance.

Space NK and Harvey Nicks in London, Colette in Paris and Lane Crawford Apothecary in Hong Kong carry these glamorously boxed all-in-one shimmer powders which were created to reduce "beauty handbag bulk." The powders act as blush, highlighters and in some cases, eye color, and they come with a usable puff, not some blusher brush the size of a toothbrush.

Another great powder cheek color is Joy, an ultra-bright pink that gives a natural-looking flush, from Chantecaille's Venetian-inspired spring makeup line. Frank Kammerer, the company's international makeup artist, recommends the following application for street wear: Smile, apply color with a brush then bring it up along your cheekbones. Dust the remaining color on the bridge of your nose and chin. He cautions against contouring because it usually comes out unnatural and drags the look of the face down.



LIP treatment, nail polish remover or eye makeup remover in buds have already been used by Renee Zellweger and (surprise, surprise!) David Beckham!

Quick eyes and corrections

As temperatures rise and also as one ages, it is best to keep eye makeup simple. Just look at Tammy Faye Baker and Jocelyn Wildenstein and you'll know why. An extremely versatile gold-based soft green eye color called Lemongrass from Chantecaille will see you not only from day to night but from this day on till an undertaker does your makeup. Use the line's New Stick as an eye makeup primer. It does the same as the makeup artist favorite Future Skin gel foundation, which works well in any climate.

Apply Lemongrass just on eyelids or bring it up to your brow bone and use a fine liner brush to line eyes with a smoky shadow moistened with water. "Pencils give a hard look and can drag skin," says Frank. "Water controls the intensity of powder colors."

These makeup ideas are very simple and work for all skins, but what if you make a mistake or you need to make those panda eyes disappear before a hot date? Or what if you already carry around a beauty kit that weighs more than your brain in makeup alone? ModelCo's Liquid Buds (Lane Crawford Apothecary, HK) may be the answer to limitations of time and space. They will not make a significant addition to the weight of your makeup kit (and certainly not to the national budget) but they add to the convenience of your makeup routine.

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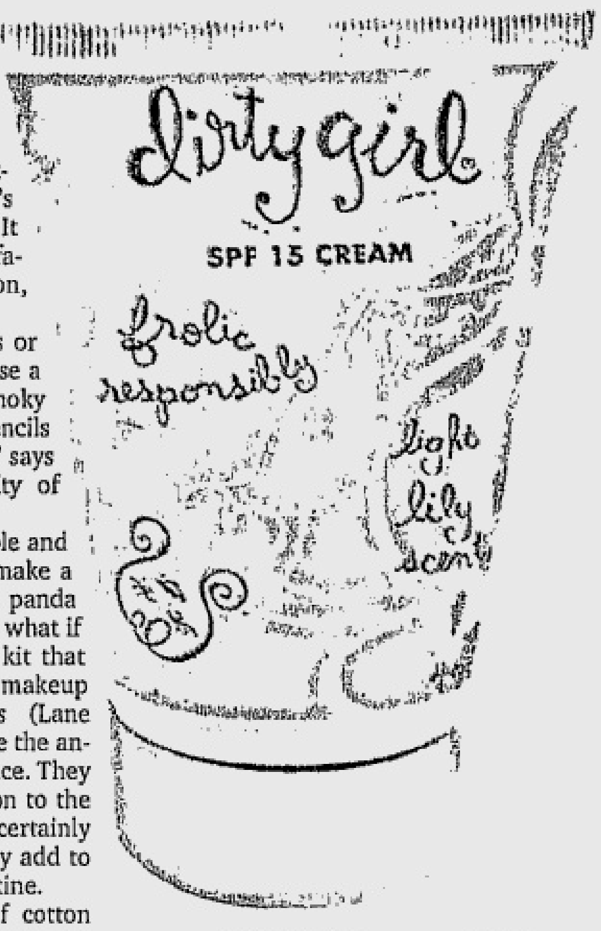

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Entry forms are now available at Gift Gate and Fujifilm stores in Metro Manila.

A SMILE is shared by Annika Valdes with her Russ Girl Power doll.

WHO says work is no fun? In this photo by Chito Vecina, the happy time in business for Russ Berrie's Filipina CEO Angelica Berrie is seeing how happiness is spread by Russ bears worldwide.

Renee Salud wows 'em in Vienna

VIENNA, Austria, the city of sights and sounds and the font of high art and culture in Europe, once again witnessed an array of activities put up by the city's Filipino community to celebrate the 105th anniversary of Philippine independence.

These activities included a party for the youth called "Fiesta sa Barangay," a painting exhibit by Filipino local artists in the United Nations building, the annual Independence Day ball, and the inauguration of a new consulate in St. Pölten, with the newly appointed honorary consul Prof. Waltraud Steinböck in attendance.

There was also a very warm, colorful and relaxed atmosphere at the Philippine Tea party.

The fashion show that followed at the Vienna Intercontinental Hotel showcased the beautiful creations of designer Renee Salud, innovatively integrated into a cultural show by Folklorico Filipino.

The show was directed by Ana Maria Langer, with accessories provided by Inday Eva Pozsogar.

Philippine ambassador to Vienna Victor Garcia III and his wife Connie took the lead in organizing this successful cultural event, which was attended by the diplomatic and business corps in Vienna, together with leaders of the Philippine community, Filipinos from the United Nations and parents of the participants in the show.

AMBASSADOR Victor Garcia III and his wife Connie Garcia (left) with Professor Waltraud Steinboeck, publisher and honorary consul of the Philippines in Lower Austria

FINALE. Fashion designer Renee Salud is presented at the end of the bridal gown show: (from left) Andrea Schauberger, Quenne Biona, Salud, Roxanne Garcia, Nathalia Cruz and Jenny Auer

YOUNG PINOYS in Vienna who modelled for Salud: (standing) Tamara Olorga, Nathalia Cruz, Marie Kristin Vuzem, Patrick Cruz, Jenny Auer, Roxanne Garcia, designer Renee Salud, Andrea Schauberger, Nicole Berger, Myleen Geronimo, Quenne Biona and Carisa Aleta; (seated) Jorge de los Santos, Erik Steinböck, Marc Jarabe and Jeffrey Manalang

VIVINA Yrastorza and Markus Stern, Cebu City Vice Mayor Michael Rama, Israel's Ambassador Irit Ben Abba and Petite Garcia

IRIT Ben Abba with Chinggay Utzurrum and Mariter Klepp

Israeli envoy spreads goodwill in the South

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Before completing her tour of duty in the Philippines, Israeli ambassador **Irit Ben Abba** made a few visits to the south.

One of them was to Negros Oriental, where she was royally received by Governor **George Arnaiz**, Dumaguete City Mayor **Agustin Perdices** and Silliman University president **Agustin Pulido.**

She met them all on Day 1 of her tour at a dinner hosted by **Sylvia Uy**, the station agent for Air Philippines.

The visit was organized by **Joe** and **Chinggay Utzurrum** (*nee* de Veyra), who on Day 2 whisked Irit to Joe's hometown of Bayawan, already a chartered city since 2001.

Bayawan was actually the main purpose of Irit's trip. There, she met Mayor **Gerry Seraña**, who told her how everyone in the area is impressed with the great strides Israel has made in agriculture during the past 50 years. He envisions the same for Bayawan, which he'd like to turn into one of the most progressive cities in the Visayas region.

Gerry's plans include farm-to-market roads, effective water and drainage systems, sufficient electric power, and a hub for government buildings, housing, schools, etc. in the scenically elevated area of Banga.

Bayawan also has a stretch of coastline with promising beach resorts, and there are plans for seaside boulevard, too.

On another occasion, Ambassador Ben Abba expressly came to Cebu for the farewell dinner organized by the Arts Council in her honor. It was held at Europa restaurant where **Markus Stern** (the Swiss honorary consul here) personally prepared the menu.

The idea for a farewell dinner was readily approved by Arts Council president **Petite Garcia** and vice president **Vivina Chiu Yrastorza**, who also happens to be the president of the Philippine-Israel Business Association's Cebu chapter.

Everyone feasted on smoked duck breast over lettuce, a lobster bisque soup, a plateful of tenderloin with peppercorn sauce and fillet of Halibut in almond sauce.

For dessert, there was Tartuffo, which **Joel Lee** makes. It's a ball of chocolate filled with chocolate ice cream and an inner ball of cream which conceals a glazed cherry.

On behalf of the Arts Council, Irit was presented with various gifts, one of them a shimmering blue shawl signed by **Carmen Campbell**. For her part, Irit also had presents for everyone.

> Mme. Irit Ben Abba gave us a taste of Israeli graciousness with her farewell swing through Negros and Cebu

At the height of the revelry, dapper Cebu City Vice Mayor **Michael Rama** arrived, looking as if he'd stepped out of the pages of GQ magazine.

Piano and violin recital

The Arts Council opened its 2003-2004 season on Aug. 4 with a piano and violin recital featuring Filipina pianist **Mariel Ilusorio** and German violin virtuoso (he's just 22) **Angelo Bard.**

The event was held in cooperation with Goethe Institut and Germany's Foreign Office. The venue chosen could not have been better: the Sinulog ballroom of City Sports Club Cebu, close to Ayala Center.

Many in the audience were impressed with the dexterity of both artists, particularly the fact that neither ever overpowered the other during the entire performance.

The recital started with the Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 8 by Beethoven, who had dedicated it to Russia's Tsar Alexander I in 1814.

There followed four Filipino compositions of great sensitivity and beauty: Catavina, by **Nicanor Abelardo**; Habanera Filipina, by **Ernesto Vallejo**; Salamisim (which means "beautiful reminiscences"), by **Hilarion Rubio**; and **Wenceslao "Ben" Zubiri's** Matud Nila, which has been called the immortal Cebuano love song. There was wild applause after each one, of course.

After a brief interval came Ravel's Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 2 in three movements, the last of which was in perpetual motion. Bard did it fantastically.

As expected, the finale brought down the house: **Pablo de Sarasate's** Carmen Fantasy based on themes from the Bizet opera, which Sarasate himself made for piano and violin.

A standing ovation and flowers presented by **Andy Klepp** and **Emily Sanchez** rated an encore from the duo, and another standing ovation after that rated one more encore—Hating Gabi.

Congratulated for the success of the event were chairs **Mariter Dumon Klepp** and Dr. **Geñing Sanson Solano.**

Also getting their share of kudos were the Ikebana ladies who had arranged the flowers in the stage—**Carmen Go, Margie Sy, DicDic Bacungan, Norma Sanchez, Malou Hyden** and **Corito Abalos.**

Forthcoming events

The next event for the Arts Council is Rakugo on Aug. 27, with a matinee at 3 p.m. and gala at 8 p.m. at the CAP Center.

This event, described as a Japanese sit-down comedy of comic storytelling that goes back 400 years and combines storytelling and mime, is in cooperation with the Japan Foundation Manila office.

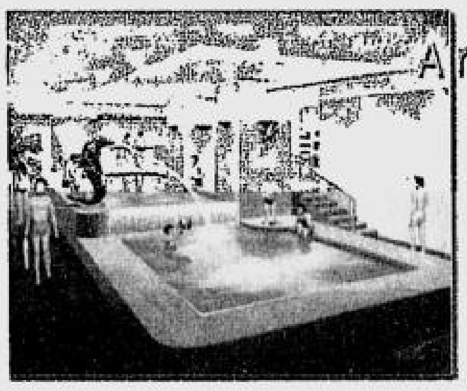
Chairing the event are **Tacky Efthimiou** and **Elena Young.**

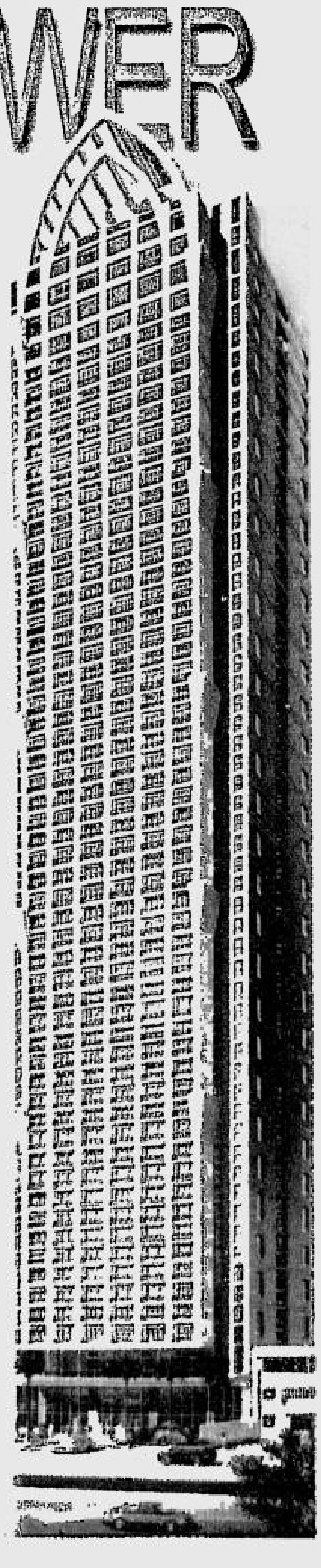
Also forthcoming is a play from Little Boy Productions starring **Audie Gemora** and **Menchu Lauchengco-Yulo** entitled "The Last 5 Years," a musical by **Jason Robert Brown** and directed by **Bart Guingona.**

The play will be on Sept. 6 at 8 p.m. at the Ayala Center's Theater One. **Tetta Ba-ad** is the event chair.

Preparations are also underway for a festival of Australian films on Sept. 19-21, and the Cine Europa film festival on Oct. 3-5 at SM Cebu. These events are chaired by **Marissa Fernan** and **Elvira Yu Ym.**

Still to come: a Japanese filmfest on Nov. 14-15, and a Chinese filmfest either in December or January next year.





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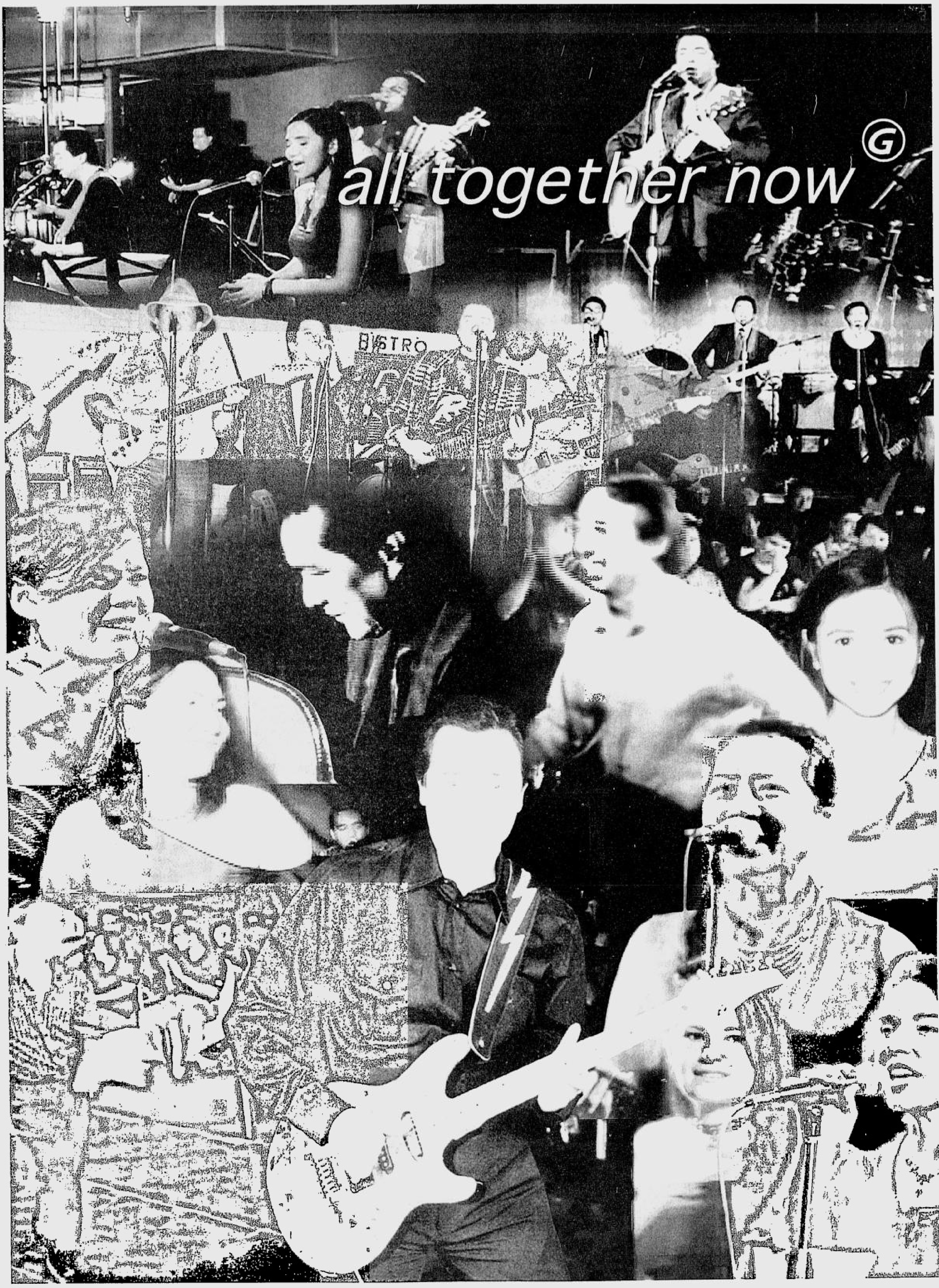

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Madonna to launch children's book in Paris

THE QUEEN of makeovers reinvents herself again, this time as a children's book author.

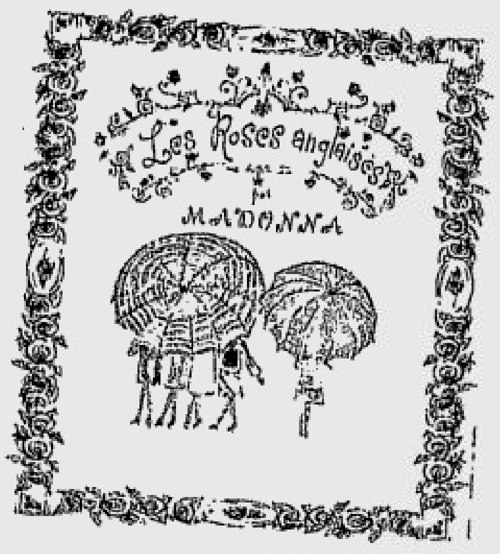
PARIS—Pop diva Madonna will be in Paris on Sept. 15 for the worldwide launch of her children's book "The English Roses," expected to hit bookstores in 100 countries and in more than 30 languages at the same time.

The book, about "feeling green with envy, blue with loneliness, pink with embarrassment, purple with rage and how to find . true-blue friends," is the first of five illustrated storybooks penned by the Material Girl.

The singer will celebrate the simultaneous global release at the offices of her French publishing house Gallimard in Paris with some 40 book editors from around the world, Gallimard said Wednesday.

The other four books, each of which are to feature illustrations by internationally acclaimed artists, are expected to be released in 2004.

The identity of the illustrator for "The English Roses" will be revealed on Sept. 15. *AFP*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COVER of Madonna's children's book, "Les Roses Anglaises" (English Roses) that will be launched worldwide in Paris, France on Sept. 15. The book is expected to hit bookstores in 100 countries and in more than 30 languages at the same time. AFP

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Women leaders renew bonds, provide mutual encouragement

UN official commends local group for working hard to uplift the lives of Filipino women

Text and photos by Vangie Baga-Reyes

SEN. Leticia Shahani, Unifem Philippine Committee adviser and Noeleen Heyzer, Unifem executive director

Women leaders took a break from their hectic schedules to symbolically give themselves a pat on the back and provide encouragement to each other as they continue their campaign to uplift women's status everywhere.

The occasion was a *merienda cena* hosted recently by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (Unifem) Philippine Committee at the Manila Polo Club.

Representatives of various women's groups in the country that have partnered with Unifem used the occasion to renew their ties and their pledge to help each other strengthen the capacity and leadership of their respective women's organizations and networks.

Women's organizations represented were the Center for Asia Pacific Women in Politics, Asia Pacific Gender Equality Network (Apgen), Coalition against Trafficking in Women in Asia, The Women's Rights Movement of the Philippines, the National Federation of Women's Clubs, Women's Legal Education Advocacy and Defense Foundation, Kanlungan Center Foundation, Department of Budget and Management, University of the Philippines Center for Women Studies, Women's Crisis Center, Women's Legal Bureau and Women's Action Network for Development.

The head of government's National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW), Aurora de Dios, was also there.

Other guests were former Sen. Leticia Ramos-Shahani, Justice Leonor Ines Luciano, past chair of the Philippine Red Cross; Mary Soledad Perpiñan of the Third World Movement against the Exploitation of Women; Dr. Zahidul A. Huque, country representative, United Nations Population Fund; and the INQUIRER's Rina Jimenez-David.

Special guest was Noeleen Heyzer, executive director of the New York-based Unifem. Heyzer cited the women, particularly the Unifem Philippine Committee headed by president Georgitta Pimentel Puyat, for their outstanding work. "I congratulate the Philippine Committee for the hard work it has [done] to uplift the lives of our women. I also applaud the committee for the voluntary and selfless efforts in promoting Unifem."

Heyzer, who visited the Philippines for the first time, was accompanied by the Bangkok-based Unifem regional program director, Lucita Lazo, former undersecretary of the Department of Labor and Employment.

Heyzer mentioned Unifem programs where the Philippine Committee had done well. These include economic governance through cooperation with the NCRFW; the program against trafficking of humans, particularly women and children; and institutional support for women's organizations, especially in the area of economic empowerment.

Unifem was set up in 1976 as the women's fund of the United Nations to provide financial and technical assistance to innovative programs and strategies that promote women's rights, political participation and economic security. In particular, it aims to help improve the living standards of women in developing countries and to address their concerns. It works in partnership with other UN organizations, governments, nongovernment organizations and networks to promote gender equality.

LUCY Lazo, Unifem Bangkok regional program director

Unifem links women's issues and concerns to national, regional and global agendas.

The Philippine committee is one of 17 Unifem national committees that aim to increase public awareness of the UN agency's mission and help raise funds, and the only one in a developing country. But it ranks fourth worldwide in funds raised, around $25,000 annually. The money is being used to support a network of home-based workers in the Philippines like, the Patamaba or Pambansang Tagapag-ugnay ng Manggagawa sa Bahay.

Set up in 1990, the Unifem Philippine Committee now has 90 members. Its annual fundraising project, a bazaar, will be held Sept. 28 and Oct. 4 at the Makati Sports Club.

Unifem Philippine Committee is still accepting members. Call Georgitta Puyat at 810-6703.

SEATED from left: Annie Serrano, UNDP Apgen coordinator; Esther Vidal, Unifem member; standing, Justice Leonor Ines-Luciano, past chairperson of Phil. Red Cross; and Gigi Manzanilla, Zonta Club Albay president

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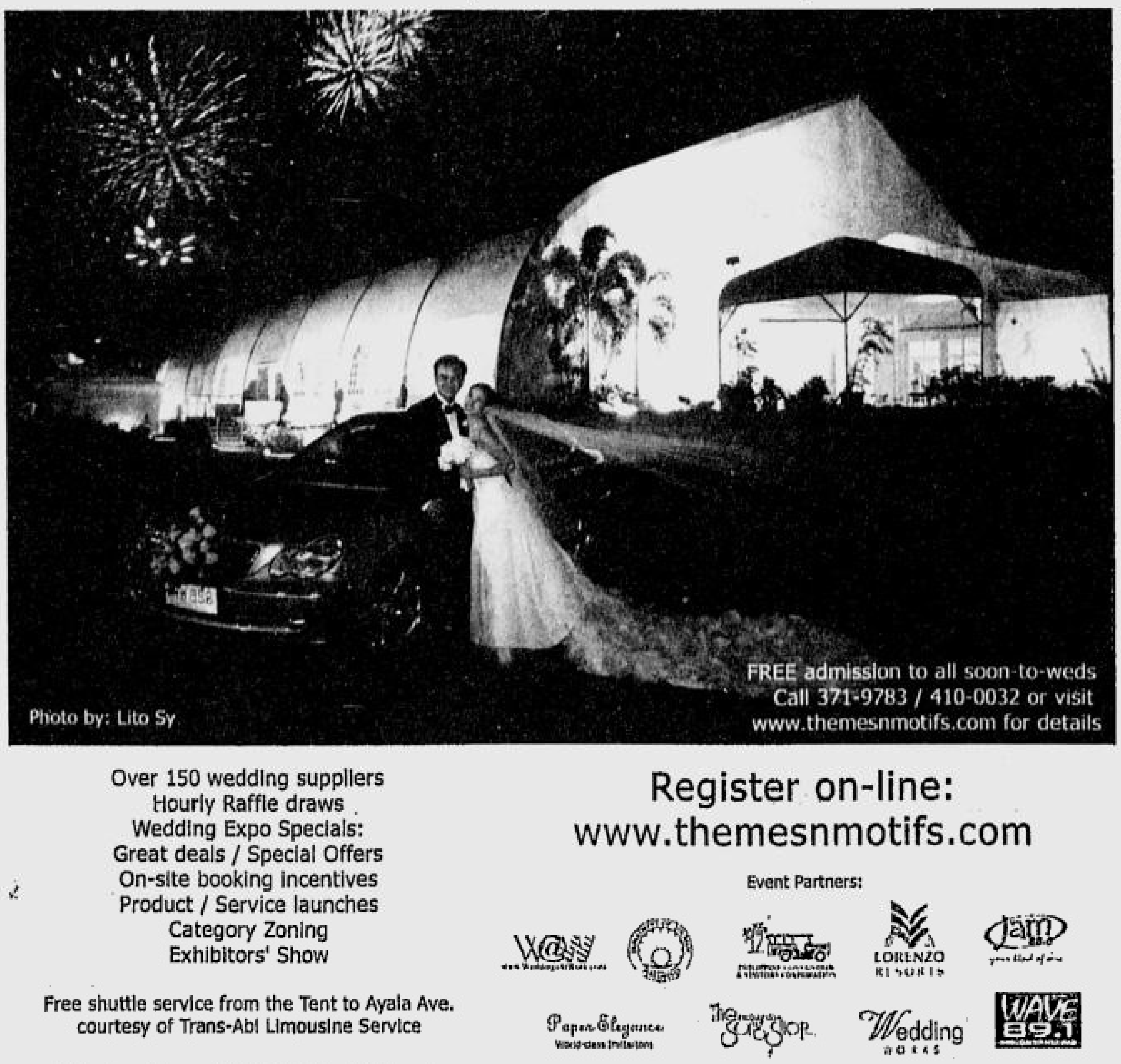

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A splashy Bastille Day bash

The celebration was a hit, despite some rude, gauche guests

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

BASTILLE Day at the Mandarin ballroom was chockfull of guests, with some very rude ones insisting on conducting their own private party and talking at the back while DFA Undersecretary **Franklin Ebdalin** was giving his response.

Obviously, no one seems to know what appropriate behavior is these days. Still, everyone enjoyed the generous buffet and open bar.

The French Embassy is quite happy with the results of its French Spring. The Spaniards are set to follow with their own cultural festival in October. Now don't you think we should have a Filipino Festival Month too?

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UK Ambassador **Paul Dimond** and his wife **Carolyn** hosted a *despedida* dinner for popular Swedish Ambassador **Ulf Hakansson** and his equally popular spouse, **Lena**, who was feted as well by her many lady friends with luncheons and *meriendas*.

At the intimate dinner, Ambassador Dimond bid the couple farewell, saying they would now have to get used to the ordinary world once again, where one has to do the dishes.

It was a merry group of friends from the business and diplomatic community who were likewise regaled by **Marietta Holmgren**'s stories of kidnappings and various mayhems in her life.

Frankie Jose also held forth proudly on his son **Eddie**, who works abroad as a restorer and is here on a visit.

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One of the busiest ladies in town is **Nedy Tantoco**. She has three major fundraisers lined up for this year.

The first was Rhapsody in Red, a benefit dinner-concert at the Mandarin ballroom highlighted by that "*kilabot ng mga matrona*," **Jose Llana**, who has made a name for himself on Broadway and seems like a nice person besides.

Over a million pesos was raised from an auction of Murano glass later in the evening, much to the delight of the organizers.

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A word to the wise: Formal parties are not the place for giveaways of personal hygiene products, especially for ambassadorial couples. It is gauche, common and socially unacceptable. Try the lobbies of theatres showing x-rated movies, perhaps.

Also, in requesting cash donations for charity in lieu of gifts, please include the names of the institutions to be benefited. Otherwise, people may believe your favorite charity is yourself.

NEDY Tantoco and Nena Villanueva

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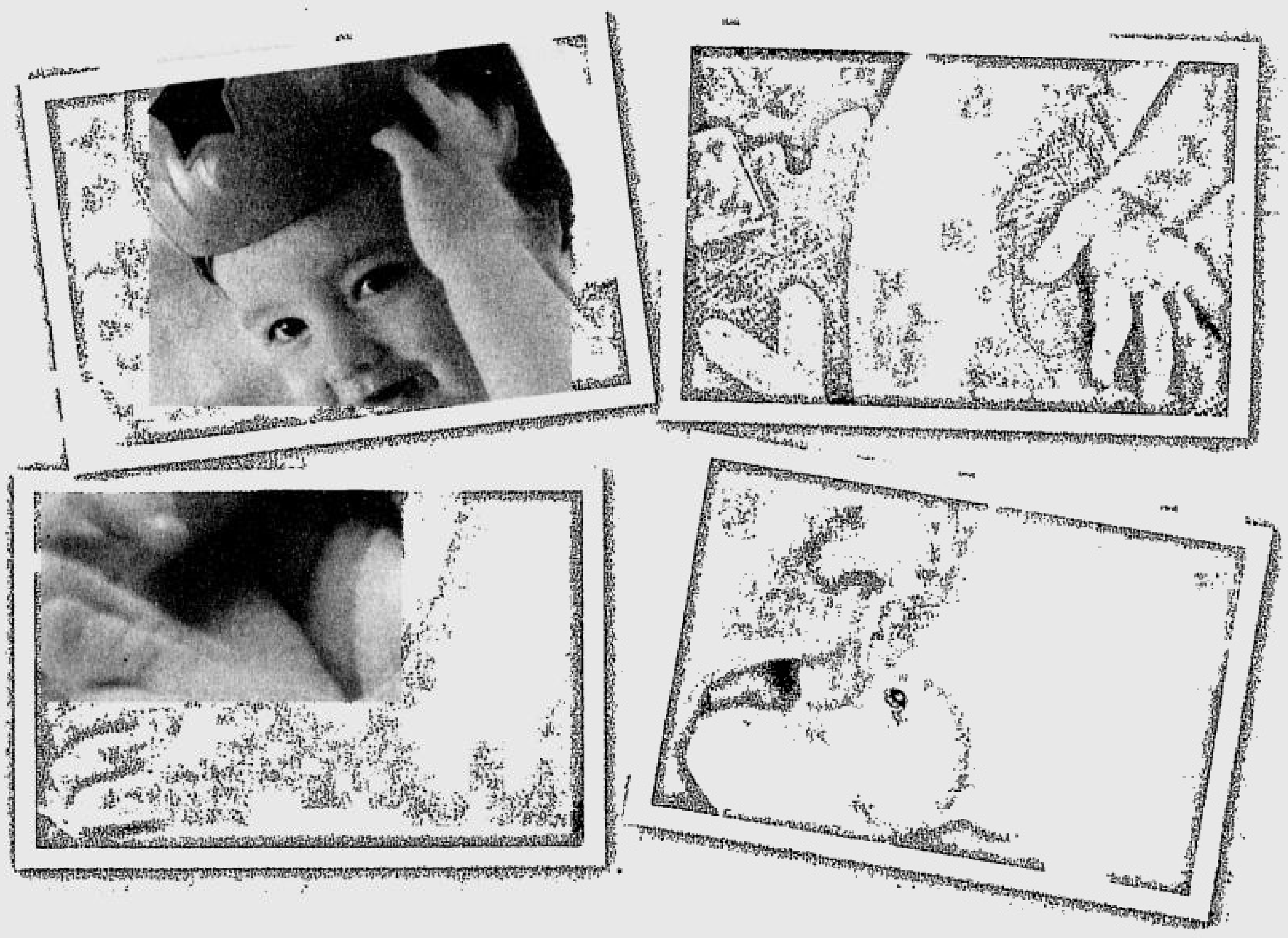

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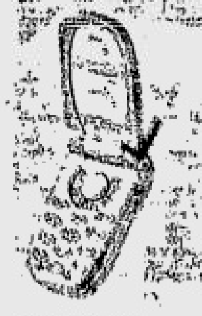
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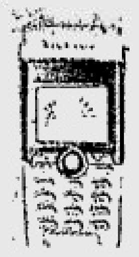
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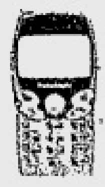
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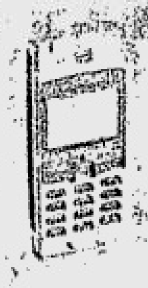
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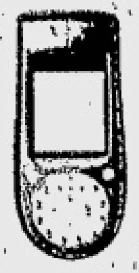
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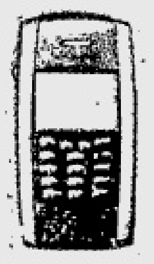
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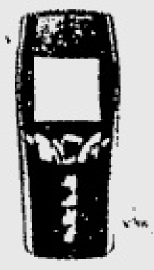
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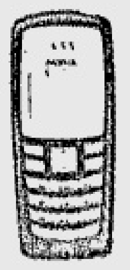
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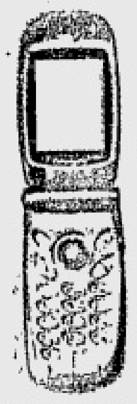
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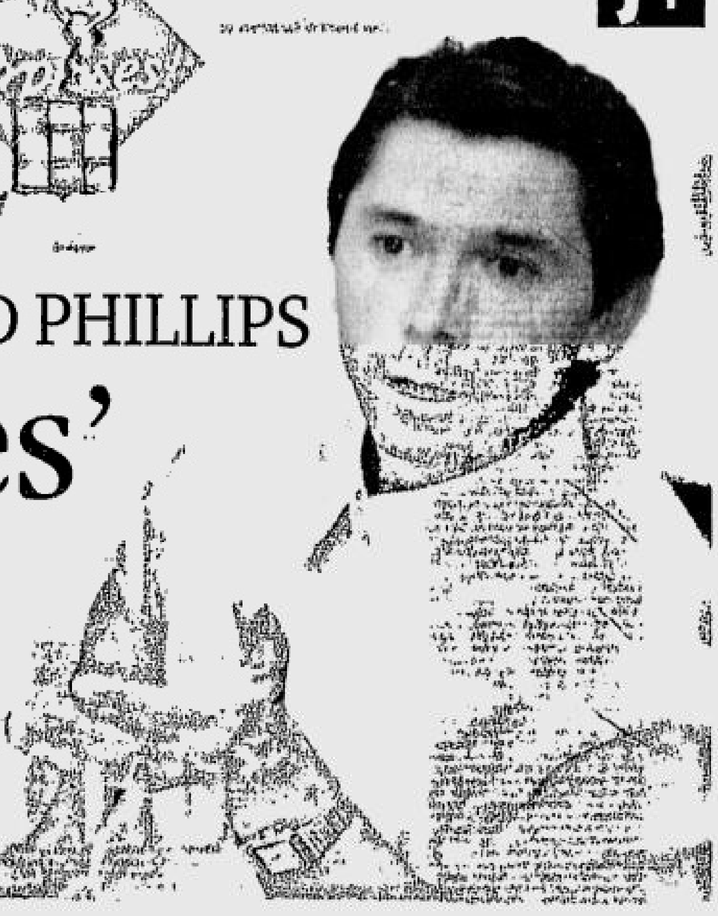
TIA CARRERE AND LOU DIAMOND PHILLIPS

‘Thunder voices’ from Hollywood speak up for Pinoy war vets and RP tourism



We’re glad you came despite the coup.
Lou: What coup? (Laughter)
Tia: I know! That’s the biggest fallacy!

PLAYTIME

By the Staff

LOU Diamond Phillips recalls what a Native American friend once told him: “You are one of the Thunder Voices. What you say reaches beyond your vision and horizon, and touches people’s lives, and you need to take that responsibility seriously.”

He has, and so has Tia Carrere. The two Fil-Am actors are in town to grace the ongoing Makati Cinemanila International Film Festival. Both are the recipients of a Lifetime Achievement award for excellence in their work and for aiding Filipino war veterans.

Phillips and Carrere (as well as other Hollywood Fil-Ams like actor Rob Schneider, producer Dean Devlin and agent Fritz Friedman) are lending their celebrity clout to lobby for the passage of a bill in the US Congress that would finally recognize the World War II services in the US Army of Filipino soldiers.

Both “actorvists” have also, on this trip to their parents’ homeland, made time to do posters and other promo materials for a Philippines that’s desperately seeking tourists.

Did you know each other before this?

Tia: Yes!

Lou: My mother and I just met, though. (Laughter)

T: Did we meet at the Filipino veteran thing?

L: It was certainly before that.

T: One of those Hollywood parties.

L: Yeah. We’ve known each other for a long time. The last time we saw each other before we started work for the Filipino veterans was when you were doing “Relic Hunter.” And where were you? Toronto? I was working in Toronto and you were as well.

T: Right, yeah, we just keep seeing each other here and there, but also Fritz Friedman put together the fund to recognize the World War II veterans. And that really pulled us together, you know, Fritz and Dean Devlin…

L: Rob Schneider…

We’re glad you came despite the coup.

L: What coup? (Laughter)

T: I know! That’s the biggest fallacy! The last time I was here, there was a coup. It was at the Manila Hotel where people were [coming] in and out. This was two weeks after I left in 1986. Am I like the bad-luck coup person? (Laughter) Like, don’t come to the Philippines, you can cause a coup…

Maybe before you visit find out where Tia Carrere is?

T: (Laughs loudly) But that’s one thing important to me and I’m sure to you [Lou], that we came here to show that there’s nothing to be afraid of. The Philippines is a wonderful place to go to and it’s safe. You know, knock on wood, anything can happen to you. You can cross a street and get hit by a car.

Unfortunately the Philippines has a very bad PR and tourism right now because the truth is not getting out there. There’s so much sensationalism surrounding terrorism in some way, and it focuses on, you know, five guys with a… I don’t know, with a pellet gun, who have held up tourists in their car, and all of a sudden it’s all over the news and people think you can’t go and visit a place.

L: It’s a minority describing the headlines and it’s unfortunate for a country as welcoming and warm as the Philippines. I think, for Tia and myself and Fritz Friedman, the reason we’re here far outweighs the risks for us. You know, to continue to support the Filipino veterans of WW II, to support President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo through a democratic process whereby the people’s will is known and things cannot be overthrown by force.

And it’s also quite an honor to be here for the CineManila Film Festival. You know, even if we’re not at the end of our lives, we are receiving …

T: I know! Lifetime Achievement awards! What am I, 60? (Laughter)

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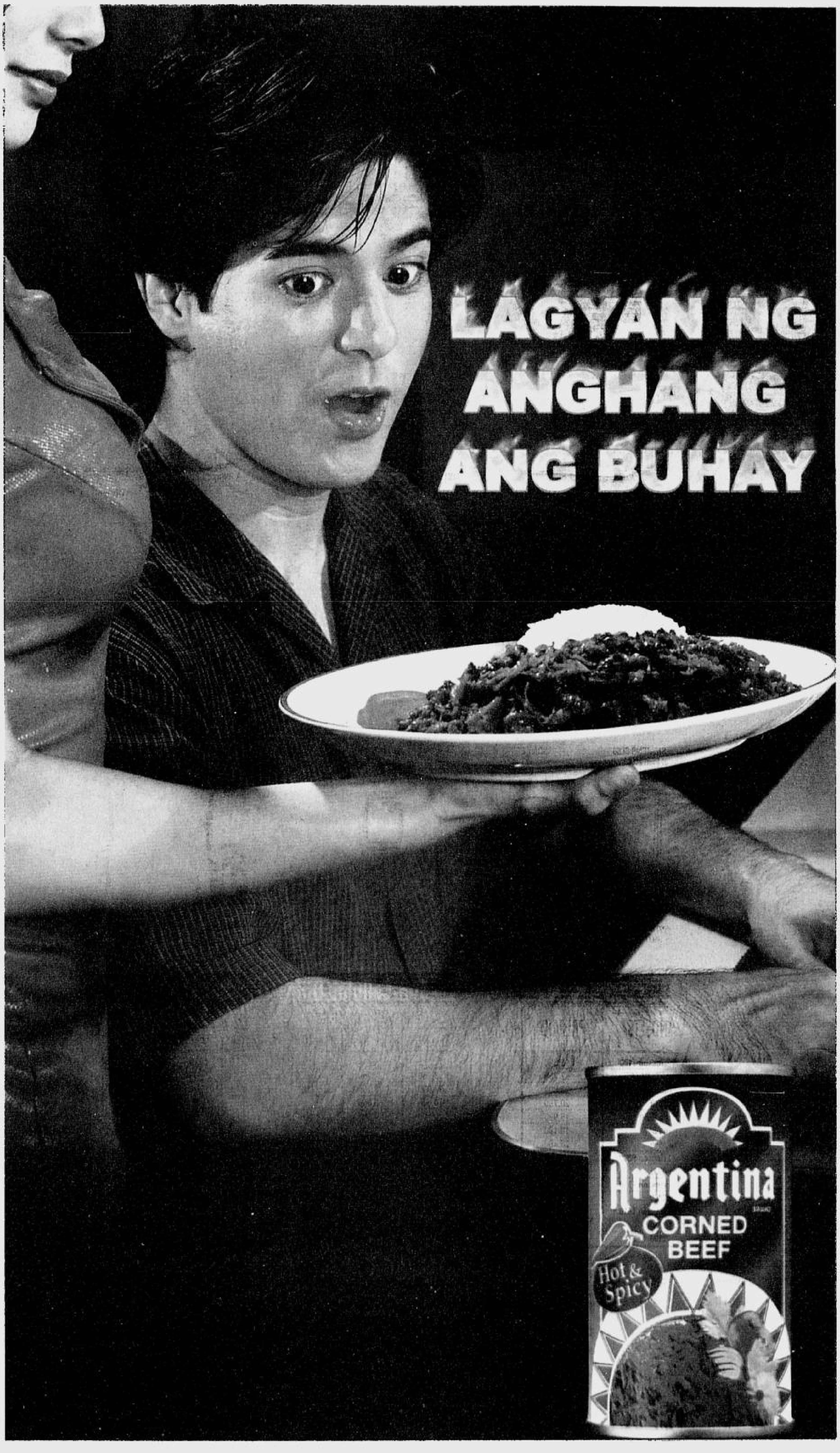

‘Thunder voices’ from Hollywood speak up for Pinoy war vets and Philippine tourism

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Well, it’s better to get it while you’re young… It’s for your body of work.

L: We’re starting to feel a little older. (Laughter)

T: It’s been great. But I think the key to my grounding and my success has been my Filipino heritage. My family, all the *manangs* who raised me, the extended family… you know the family get-togethers where you get to know really who you are. You’re not so-and-so in the press or on the screen. You’re still the chubby little girl from Kalihi Valley in Hawaii who eats *adobo* and *pancit*.

Both of you are not really cast that often in ethnic roles, though. You can play different roles. It’s not like you’ve been typecast as ethnic persons.

T: Yeah, we’re thankful…

L: Extremely thankful because that’s not true of every actor of ethnic descent in Hollywood. The fact that I think Tia and I have both been able to cross over, hopefully, is a testament to our talent beyond what we have at face value. And the fact [is], Hollywood tends to appreciate somebody who can make the money. (Tia laughs.)

I’m not going to say that it doesn’t occasionally come up, but for the most part, we’ve been able to play roles that are not defined by ethnic community. We’ve been a leading man and woman for many years just without qualification.

You haven’t done a movie together, right?

L: Not yet!

T: We were talking about that last night! He came up with the idea that we should play brother and sister! (Laughs)

L: I did and I mean I could kick myself because if we played brother and sister it must be an incestuous relationship. (Laughter)

T: *Hala! Hala sige*…

What other Tagalog words do you know, Tia?

T: Ah, *busog ako*? (laughs) *Maganda ka*?

Do you know the cuss words?

T: That’s one thing—it’s funny but I don’t learn cuss words, because then it comes out and you think you’re joking and everybody in the room goes, Ohh… So I just wanna learn the nice words.

How about you, Lou?

L: Well, that’s all I know, the cuss words. I grew up in the navy base, so… Yeah, I have to avoid those in polite conversation. My mother’s still here, she’ll hit me.

Is this her first visit with you?

L: Since 1977… that’s also a big motivation for me. It’s an opportunity to bring my mom back and reconnect her to her roots, and meet the President. You know, she’s “big man on campus” now around her neighborhood and her Filipino friends. She’s like, “I met the President! She’s my friend! I’m taller than her!” (Laughter)

Do you understand your parents when they speak Tagalog?

L: Nah, nah, not the least.

T: My father was born and raised in Cebu and then moved to Hawaii when he was 17.

So he speaks Bisaya?

T: Yes. Tagalog, Visayan and a little bit of Spanish, but he never taught us. My mother was born and raised in Hawaii. So she doesn’t speak Filipino at all, unfortunately. So there was no common ground.

But your mother is of Filipino descent?

T: Yes. Both of them are Filipinos. My mother’s mother’s parents came over on those boats where they said, “Come to Hawaii. Welcome to the plantation. Make the money… become Americans,” whatever the poster said… So they came on boats. Yeah, unfortunately, I don’t know much Filipino.

Have you come here with your parents?

T: I came here with my father last time. Which was great because it was my grandparents’—his fatner and mother—50th anniversary. And two months later, my grandfather passed away. So, it was great that we got to be there and share that. Perfect timing.

Are you going back with your mom to where she was born, Lou? Will she show you?

L: Have you seen her schedule? (Laughter) I’m lucky if I can go to the bathroom while I’m here. Unfortunately, no, not this time.

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T: You should have come early like I did. I came five days in advance.

I heard you were in Palawan…

T: El Nido is the most beautiful place on earth. I keep telling everybody. Everybody here knows… when I get back to L.A. is what matters.

L: The beaches there look so much more beautiful when they have Tia Carrere lying on them. (Laughter)

T: Ah, we’ll see on the tourism posters. You’ll see on the tourism posters.

What’s keeping you busy these days? Any movies?

L: Yeah, I actually have a film that is going to be on TBS.

“La Bamba”? (Laughter)

L: No, “Rock and Roll Heaven.” (Laughter). It’s a film I did with Christie Swanson and Coolio which will be on actually a week from Sunday in the States on TBS. And just recently I was in “Hollywood Homicide” with Harrison Ford. Then I’m supposed to start a project in three weeks…

T: Yehey, can’t wait to see that…

L: I’m in drag. It’s fabulous.

T: He’s in drag! He’s a transvestite!

L: No, I am not a transvestite.

T: Are you not?

L: I’m an undercover cop.

T: Okay, okay, but you dress as a transvestite.

L: Yeah, I’m dressed as a woman, but I’m a manly guy in fishnet hose. (Laughter)

How about you, Tia? What have you been busy with?

T: I finished doing “Relic Hunter” for three years, and that cured me of work for a while. That was the most amount of work I ever did in my life. I was the lead on an adventure series that shot on three countries around the world. We were shooting 10 ½ months out of the year. You know, 5 a.m. till 8 p.m. You have to learn your lines and work out and work the next day, six days a week. After that I didn’t wanna do anything. But I’ve done some.. you know, “Lilo and Stitch.” It was nominated for an Oscar! Which was amazing! I didn’t know cartoons got Oscars! I would have been more excited at the time.

L: That was fantastic. I loved it.

You did the last of “Relic Hunter”? So there’s no more?

T: No more. Three years, 66 episodes, and I thought I was gonna die. (Laughs) It was hard. But when I go back I’m gonna work on my music, though. I’m gonna go to Toronto and work on a record.

You were in a movie where you were in a rock band, too, right?

T: But that’s not the kind of music that I sing. It’s funny. You’re known for singing “La Bamba”…

L: Yeah…

T: … I’m known for singing ballroom blitz and I can’t stand that kind of music. I’m like wah!!!! (shouts like a rocker)

So what’s your music?

T: It’s more like…

L: Polka. (Laughter)

T: (Sings in husky voice) ‘Just as every star will find its place… Now my lonely tears your lips erased…” It’s kind of like a sexy tune.

More, more!!!

T: (Laughs) How do you describe your music? You just start singing it.

L: It’s smoky kind of sultry…

T: Smoky, chanteuse kind of music… I’m gonna do some jazz, percussion, then mix it with some DJ loop up in Toronto.

Is this like Norah Jones’?

T: No… hers is more traditional, cabaret music. Mine is more… I don’t know if you know Kruder & Dorfmeister, or some of these European DJs (makes sound like DJ mixing).

Is this your first album?

T: No, I did one for Warner Bros in ’93. It wasn’t a bad situation but it was three different producers, and I was working on films at the same time. So I didn’t feel like I gave it my best, which was frustrating because I knew, as I was doing it, this was not what I wanted to do. So this time, I’m going to the studio and it’s gonna be exactly the way I want it to be.

How about your music, Lou? Was any of “La Bamba” your voice?

L: No, no, that was David Hidalgo from Los Lobos…

T: I didn’t know that.

L: Oh yeah. Absolutely. Strangely enough, I did a play in La Joya that Tony Kushner, who won the Pulitzer and Tony for “Angels in America,” readapted and I sang in that.

How about “The King and I”?

T: I saw him on Broadway! That was great!

I saw Rudolf Nureyev as the King. I wish I had seen your version…

T: Nureyev?

L: Yeah, and he was famously bitchy about it. (Laughter) He was more like “The Queen and I.” (Laughter)

You’re so bad…

T: That’s kind of like what he’s all about. He’s bad but he’s very funny.

You should do comedy.

L: I’ve done a few. Most recent I guess is “The Big Hit,” with Mark Wahlberg. That was very funny. I was really proud of that. And just recently I did an episode of the George Lopez show, which I don’t think you get here. I play his brother, also named George Lopez, and they want me to come back and do another episode of that. So I love comedy, but you know, they always cast me as the brooding ethnic. Give him a knife, okay, that’s it… (Laughter)

What was it like working with other Pinoys like Jose Llana and Paolo Montalban in “The King and I”?

L: Yeah, those guys made a few waves over here, didn’t they?

Yeah, they talked rather nicely about you, too.

L: They’re vicious rumors. (Laughter) Don’t listen to a word they said.

T: Propaganda.

They said you helped them a lot.

L: I was like their uncle… It was my first time on Broadway, and yet my reputation had preceded me as a film actor. And for Jose, it was his first Broadway show. He was 19, I think, at the time, and I felt very protective of him. I thought he was extremely talented and very, very smart. But at that time of your life, you’re nervous and still a bit green. And he needed a big injection of confidence, I think. Paolo, however, doesn’t lack confidence. (Laughter)

Have you worked with Rob Schneider?

L: No, I’ve never worked with Rob. Except for the Assembly of Justice and what we’re doing for the Filipino veterans of World War II. And I have to say—I’ve said this a couple of times about Rob—he’s an insanely funny man, but there’s a very serious side to him. And a very political side, like all of us who heed the call for a just cause. And this is certainly one that he’s worked very hard to get the word out on.

Did you bring your Filipino parents to the Filipino veterans event?

L: They’ve all been interested.

T: I think, more than anything, it’s just about what’s right and what’s wrong. And if you’re told that you’re gonna get something and you don’t get it how many years later…

Well, in that state visit, there was an agreement. President Bush and Madame President said they’ve reached an agreement that this is gonna happen but, of course, we have to put it before Congress and the Legislature. That’s why we shot those PSAs this morning at the Palace that we’re gonna send to Congress, beseeching them to do the right thing.

L: We were very close about a year ago. There was another bill that we presented before, and it has actually passed the House. The House had been the stumbling block in the past. And we felt like it was going to get rubber-stamped through the Senate. Unfortunately, you know, we decided to become distracted by a war. And that bill fell apart. So now they’re reintroducing a new bill this year and, hopefully, it will sail through.

It’s unfortunate for those veterans…

L: They’re dying every day. And so time is [of the essence] This is the time when they need that health…

T: Yeah, medical… it’s unbelievable. I mean, maybe it’s naïve of me to think that a government says yes, we’ll take care of you, and then they haven’t.

L: I think, especially today with America’s newfound respect for its troops that it’s hypocritical that these men and women are being overlooked for their contributions so many years ago.

How do you guys prepare for a role?

L: I never prepare.

You never prepare?

L: I’m joking. (Laughter)

T: I don’t know! I think when you look at a role, you figure out if there’s some essence of the character that you connect with, and in that case it’s something that you play up with your own personality, to a certain respect. If I see that she’s a little more brave and a little more daring, and has a little more *joie de vivre*, then I’m gonna play that up in my own personality.

I have a very workman approach to acting. I’m not a person that, like, bleeds and falls through broken glass. Like, what’s his name, Daniel Day-Lewis, who’s brilliant, one of the most brilliant actors ever. I do the best I can. I’m great to work with, I show up on time, I hit my marks and I just do the best I can.

Sean Connery gave me the best advice. I worked with him on “Rising Sun,” and I was like his secret girlfriend in the movie. But he said, (imitates Connery’s voice) “You know when you walk into a room, hold your head high and your shoulders back and you look like you belong there.” And that’s his whole approach to acting… it’s confidence. Confidence is being relaxed.

And I think all of our acting classes sort of lead back to that exercise when you throw a tantrum on the floor and you get up and tell the people that you hate them, or you say yes or you say no. It’s all to get you back to being a child in the sandbox where you play un-self-consciously.

L: For me it starts with the script, always. You start from that place, and as Tia said, you put yourself in that situation, you’re drawing from your own emotions, your own experiences, and a lot of times for me, both come easily. We’ve been doing it for so many years we’ve had so much training. You don’t have to lie on the floor and throw a tantrum anymore. (Tia laughs) My best work I feel like I’ve approached in later years, because I was relaxed a lot more. After that it becomes very technical. How does this character walk? What does he look like? What am I gonna do with my hair? I think my career has been sort of defined by my hair. (Laughter)

T: (Pointing to Lou's hair) Short hair much better, yes?

L: I'm growing this [beard] now because I found out today about a film I'm supposed to start in three weeks with very short notice. If I wanna look like it, I wanna be ready. You know, for how I see the character in my mind. And I think part of it, too, is getting outside of yourself enough to be objective about this character you're playing and make the adjustments, physically, mentally, emotionally, that help bring that character to life. And we spend a lot of time in the gym. (Laughter) Yeah, we end up doing so many action films, and so some people will ask me, "Are you on a diet?" I'm on a constant diet.

But you get so much as well.

T: Yeah, a percentage of your income at this point. (Laughs)

L: Yeah, a part to the family.

T: (Laughs) Agent, manager, trainer…

You're wearing a barong, Lou.

L: I'm wearing a barong today because we filmed the PSA this morning for the Filipino veterans.

Did you own a barong before this?

L: I own a bunch of them now because we keep going to the Filipino events and it's fortunate for me they keep giving me barongs. So I don't have to wear the same one twice.

How about you, Tia, have you ever worn the Filipino terno?

T: No! Both my parents used to do the ethnic dance and the folk dancing… *tinikling* and the coconut dance, and the *candelera*?

You haven't tried the butterfly sleeves, the Imelda look?

T: (Laughs) No, but I've got a shoe collection!

Oh, you love shoes, too?

T: Crazy, crazy for shoes. My mules are Manolos. (Laughs)

L: (with accent) Manolo Blahnik. Manolo Blahnik.

Are there roles that you guys wish you can just forget?

L: No. No.

T: I own every part of what I've done over the years.

L: I've recently come... It took along time, coz I used to take such responsibility for bad films. I used to feel terrible, I used to feel like it was my fault. I've only recently started embracing the idea that IT'S NOT MY FAULT!

T: It's a collaboration.

L: I didn't edit it, I didn't score it, I didn't write it, I didn't, you know, direct it…

T: I didn't do the bad lighting on my face!

L: I didn't do the marketing… and so, ultimately, you're really only responsible for your role. And especially when I'm the lead of the film, I take responsibility for the atmosphere on the set.

T: Yes.

L: I want everyone to have a good time, I want everyone to work hard but play hard, and to realize that you're appreciated. And I think that starts at the top.

T: It definitely does. Especially on a TV series…

L: Yeah, exactly.

T: It really sets the tone. And a lot of actors don't acknowledge that. I think that's also in our nature, the Filipino community…

L: Yeah, exactly. You are the head of the family.

T: We are the head of the family! Especially when you're the lead of the film, the lead of a series, you set the tone for a set. Because there was another set shooting in Toronto at the same time, and the lead of that was just awful! Awful to people…

L: It affects everyone.

T: The set was just tension when you visited it. You know, on our set everybody's [happy]. I mean, I'm friends with people in Toronto when I go to work on my record. They're like all, "Aww, we miss 'Relic Hunter.'"

Do you plan to go back to stage?

L: I would love to. It's an interesting time on Broadway right now.

There's a lot of Hollywood people out there.

L: Yeah, exactly. It's a matter of waiting for the right thing for me, and also the right price. (Laughter)

T: He's got a family to feed!

L: Yeah, exactly.

T: Stage is a commitment.

L: And it's a huge commitment. Truthfully, to go back to stage, it is about love, not about commerce. And the commitment is huge. It'll take you a couple of months to make a movie or, if it's for television, four to five weeks. They won't let you get away with anything less than five or six months on Broadway.

> **Tia:** The key to my grounding and my success has been… my family, all the 'manangs' who raised me, the family get-togethers where you get to know really who you are. You're not so-and-so in the press or on the screen. You're still the chubby little girl from Kalihi Valley in Hawaii who eats 'adobo' and 'pancit'

T: Like eight performances a week?

L: Yeah, and with three children now, I have to be very much in love to go back. But I hope to.

Everybody said you deserved an Oscar nomination for "Courage Under Fire."

L: Oh, thanks.

How did you feel when that didn't happen? I think that was your best role.

L: Thank you. I was doing the "King and I" at the time. It's an interesting psychology because we came out in the summer, we were counter-programming. And I'm very proud of that film, to be singled out in that cast was amazing. Matt Damon was unknown at the time. And I was sort of hearing it from a lot of people. I was hearing it from journalists, Rosie O Donnell, Jay Leno... Denzel said it, you know.

But we had come out early in the year. So by the time the fall came around and all the serious films were out, "Courage Under Fire" was overlooked. The entire time I never felt like it was a sure thing. And it would've been nice, but at the same time the reviews were very gratifying. When I looked at the list of people who were nominated that year, I go, well, you know, who do you kick off? There are so many deserving performances that get overlooked every year.

> **Lou:** I love comedy, but, you know, they always cast me as the brooding ethnic. Give him a knife, okay, that's it… (Laughter)

Would you lobby [for an award] if you felt that you deserved it?

L: You know, I learned something very important early on. I didn't necessarily lobby for "Courage Under Fire." But I was nominated for a Golden Globe for "Stand and Deliver" and I trusted the studio to take care of us. And they did not...

It's [like] high school. (Laughter) Some things never change. You wanna be king and queen of the prom? You gotta say hello to everybody... The industry is not run by faceless, all-knowing, all-powerful people. They're all human beings who have their own agendas, likes and dislikes.

I think a lot of times actors believe that they're removed from this. And yet you're not. You're part of the community and need to behave as part of the community. The one thing about being on Broadway that was amazing to me was—L.A. being so spread out and there's so many people involved—Broadway is a tiny community. You have a handful of producers, you have the actors and actresses on stage. You can literally get them all in one ballroom.

So every event that we had in New York for "The King and I" was this wonderful sort of getting to know everyone. Whereas in Hollywood you can meet a thousand people in a day and not even make a dent.

How did you strive to move away from the shadow of Yul Brynner in the role of the King?

L: I didn't. Stupidity has always been a good friend of mine. (Laughter) I was ignorant. I was just totally ignorant. When they first offered to me, I hadn't seen the film since I was a kid. So I read the script first and I found the script to be funnier than I remembered, sexier than I remembered, and darker! The whole clash of cultures, the imperialism, the misogyny… I said, wow! I didn't realize that there were so many issues involved in the script.

And then I went and said I'm gonna watch and see what Yul did. And if he did everything that I think imaginable in the role then I'm not gonna do it. There's no point in it. It's just like trying to do "Streetcar Named Desire"…

Did you shave your head?

L: No. We did it up to the side, and very much like what Chow Yun-Fat wore in "Anna and the King."

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You were more appropriate, I guess…

L: What was wonderful about that production was it was the first time in history, believe it or not, in 1996, that "The King and I" was performed with an all-Asian cast. Everybody in the Asian roles were of Asian descent.

(To Tia) Where were you? Why weren't you in it?

T: Where was I?! What was I doing? It's true! I've always been a little afraid of stage, but recently, just when I came back from doing a TV series, they invited me to do "Vagina Monologues," which I don't know if you heard about this play. Did someone do it here?

Yes! There was even a Tagalog version.

T: I did the moans! Hilarious! Here I am on stage, I just come cracking up!

Sample, sample! (Laughter)

L: How do you write that in the newspaper? Ooooooohhhhh, eeeeeehhh, aaaaahhhh…. (Laughter)

T: Yawsah! Yawsah! Yawsah!

Give us a Tia Carrere moan! (laughter)

T: No! (Laughter) I am very shy. (Laughter)…'But it was intriguing to get up on stage and there's people there. There's no putting it in the can and having them edited and, okay, we'll start again from the beginning. You gotta keep going… which was exhilarating, but the thought of knowing the book of a whole play, or singing the whole play, is amazing and frightening to me. But that was an amazing experience.

So will you say nice things about the Philippines when you get back there?

T: Every chance I get! I'm gonna be the biggest proponent for El Nido… I feel very strongly about it because, from my experience before I came here, every single person that I told I was coming here—including my own father who's born and raised here—said "Be careful. It's dangerous. I don't think you should go. Don't go to the Philippines." I just thought, wow, how the fear has gripped people from this whole isolated incident.

It just makes me feel bad because it's such a lovely, warm, beautiful place. And I'm telling you that the El Nido island that I visited is, personally, from as far as I've seen, the most beautiful place on earth. I'm excited to see all the rest of the islands.

L: It's a big misrepresentation. You can go to the airport and see the soldiers with their machine guns. But, I'm sorry, we have that in the United States, too.

T: Yes, we do. Now we do.

L: I think there's a worldwide paranoia going on now. Unfortunately, like Tia said, many things become… umm…

T: Sensationalized.

L: Exactly. That's exactly [the word] I was looking for. She's so much smarter than I am. (Laughter)

T: Everyone in America's so suburban. If they go to Vegas, it's a great event. (Laughter) You gotta travel outside of the realm of your immediate community because that's what makes you a better person.

L: I agree. I think, unfortunately, we have an administration that does not have a world view. I think it is important to realize the benefit and the value of the rest of the world. We've become so… ahh…

T: Egocentric.

L: Yeah, exactly. And I think you become narrow-minded that way. If you wanna talk about inter-racism, if you want to talk about understanding…

T: Travel!

L: Yeah, and about the global nature of business and the world today, you can't be so provincial.

T: Hmm… travel… travel the Philippines.

She's so good at finishing your sentences. (Laughter)

L: That's why we made a deal. We should do a film. That's why we should play brother and sister.

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Systems Specialist	* implementing and maintaining Application Systems, determining information requirements, and providing technical advice and support in the development and enhancement of data processing systems used by operations.	* a graduate of Computer Science with 2 years experience as programmer/analyst or in system analysis and design, and working knowledge on ERIC application systems, database programming (pref MSSQL and Powerbuilder), PCs, LANs, and WIN2000/NT server administration.
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- With 2-3 work experience

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The Assistant Representative:

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Send your application, biodata and study proposal (15 pages max.) for short-term study in Australia to the Australian-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce (Philippines) Inc., 7/F Oakwood Premier, Glorietta 4, Ayala Center, Makati City. Closing date of applications is on Friday, 29 August 2003.

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THE HR MANAGER
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- Energetic, self-motivated and results-oriented

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- Preferably have Call Center recruitment experience

HR MANAGER (HR)

- Experienced in all areas of personnel administration such as recruitment & selection, employment & records, compensation & benefits, employee relations, training and development
- Must have excellent inter-personal skills
- Strong motivational and organizational skills

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- At least 2 years experience in administering SQL / FOXPRO databases
- Working knowledge and hands-on experience in CTI technologies especially in Predictive Dialers
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- Must have at least 6 months experience in managing Call Center team leaders / supervisors
- Energetic and results-oriented
- Excellent motivational and organizational skills
- Working knowledge in Windows-based programs

TRAINING OFFICERS (TO)

- Experienced in Sales/Customer Service training design and delivery
- Excellent communication and presentation skills
- Energetic and effective motivator
- Preferably with Call Center experience
- Proficient in Windows-based programs

QUALITY ASSURANCE ASSOCIATES (QA)

- Must have at least 6 months quality assurance experience in Call Centers
- Comfortable in performing repetitive tasks
- Strong listening and analytical skills
- With good feedbacking and coaching skills

QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISORS (QAS)

- Experienced in managing quality assurance activities in a Call Center environment
- With strong coaching and analytical abilities
- Excellent presentation and inter-personal skills
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Interested applicants may personally submit their resume to: *8th Floor, The Orient Square, Emerald Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City. Tel: 9105168 to 70 (3 lines)*

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- Must have effective written and verbal communication skills
- Must have experience in people handling and excellent customer service skills
- Must be an assertive team player and willing to work on shifting schedules

As these are URGENT position vacancies, qualified applicants are requested to walk-in with their updated CV's and bring your respective US Visa to: SYKES ASIA, INC., 28F Robinson's Summit Building, Ayala Ave., Makati City on August 4 – August 6. Resumés may be sent via e-mail to hrd@man.ph.sykes.com on or before August 4, 2003. Highly competitive compensation package and Local/Regional Training await those who will be accepted. Visit http://www.sykes.com for more information about the Company.

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ACCOUNT MANAGER

- At least one year related experience in the Call Center industry
- Previous Product and Client responsibility
- Minimum of one year previous people management experience
- Experience in working with people on different levels
- Experience on negotiation and diplomacy
- Experience in managing a budget and has the ability to analyze statistical information
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Candidate must have 2-3 years experience in managing an operation department. You will be responsible for managing the customer service and call center departments involving activities which contribute to the acquisition, satisfaction and retention of customer.

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- Can join our organization as a regular staff, or, on a contract basis.

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- ☐ Female, 20-28 years old, single, Commerce graduates-any major course; Incharge of inventory data & stocks balancing; Know how to use Lotus, Excel & Word; With or w/o experience in accounting related works

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- ☐ Female, single, not more than 30 years of age; Graduate of any four year college course; Accommodating walk-in clients & answering phone-in product inquiry

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- ☐ Female, single, not more than 30 years of age; Graduate of any four year college course; With experience as Personal Secretary reporting to Senior Executive

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- Lead organization-wide efforts at communicating core messages about UNDP goals/ thrusts and programmes/ projects and provide advise, recommendations and guidance to concerned staff on development of specific topics.
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- Through collaboration with the different UNDP units, finds opportunities to promote programmes and activities through the effective use of relevant media (traditional and new). This will also entail exercising creativity in packaging information to make it relevant to various target audience.
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- Manage and direct publicity arrangements in support of the communication and advocacy plans and strategies that promote/support UNDP programs and activities.
- Develop and encourage partnerships between Programme/Administrative staff and media bureau services for media and advocacy support in relation to implementing internal/ external advocacy messages and strategy.
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- Manage, maintain and continuously develop the Country Office website, Intranet and Information databases in coordination with the Information Assistant

Job Requirements:
- Master's degree in Marketing, Communications or development-related field
- 5-7 years experience in communication and advocacy, including, media relations, and journalism.
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Applicants may send their letter of intent, curriculum vitae, and list of references on or before August 30, 2003 to:

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School of Management
UA&P Pearl Drive,
Ortigas Center, Pasig City

Telephone number:
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- ***Management of programme transport system (records of repair and maintenance, renewal of insurance coverage, vehicle allocation, trip tickets/ gas slip preparation, etc.)***
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- ***Other tasks that may be assigned from time to time.***

The position will be co-terminus with the project, i.e. until July 2004.

Candidates must be a graduate of relevant trade/vocational/college courses with at least two years work experience, good communication skills, computer literate and possess basic knowledge on stock management, Planning, designing, and drafting skills are also required.

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The Project Co-Directors: DA-CASCADE
Maharlika Highway, Bonfal West, Bayombong, 3700 Nueva Vizcaya
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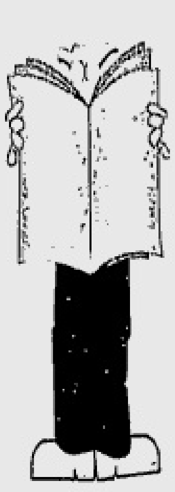

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- ➡ With strong leadership qualities to achieve company's goals and objectives

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- ➡ Male, not more than 35 years old
- ➡ With professional driver's license
- ➡ With good moral character
- ➡ Good health

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MERCHANDISER

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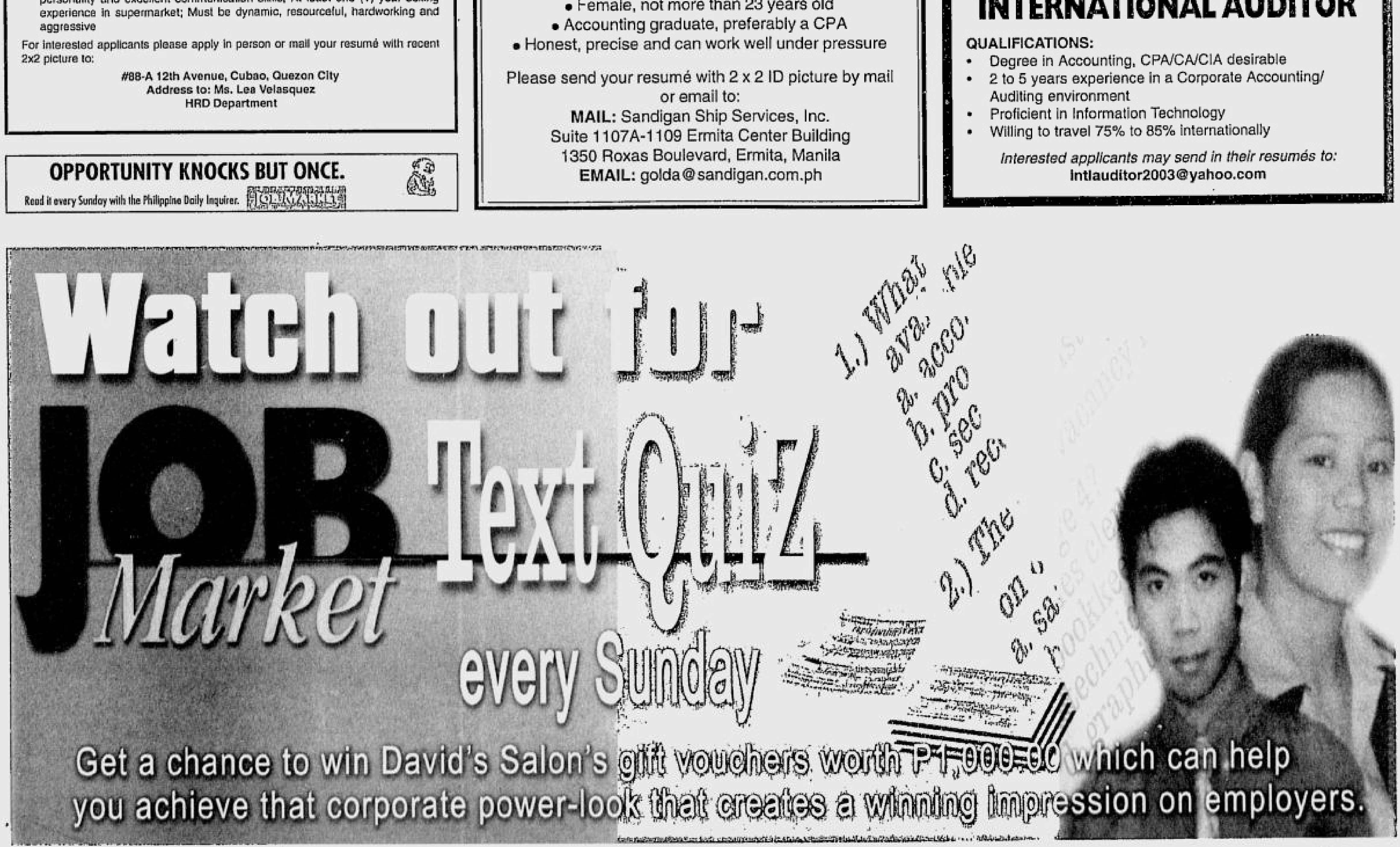
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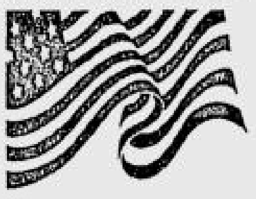

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Job interviewing dos and don'ts

By Randall S. Hansen, Ph.D.

THESE are the keys to successful job interviewing. Follow these simple rules and you should achieve success in this important phase of job-hunting.

Do take a practice run to the location where you are having the interview—or be sure you know exactly where it is and how long it takes to get there.

Do your research and know the type of job interview you will be encountering. And do prepare and practice for the interview, but don't memorize or over-rehearse your answers.

Do dress the part for the job, the company and the industry. And do err on the side of conservatism.

Do plan to arrive about 10 minutes early. Late arrival for a job interview is never excusable. If you are running late, do phone the company.

Do greet the receptionist or assistant with courtesy and respect. This is where you make your first impression.

Don't chew gum during the interview.

If presented with a job application, do fill it out neatly, completely and accurately.

Do bring extra resumés to the interview. (Even better, if you have a job skills portfolio, do bring that with you to the interview.)

Don't rely on your application or resumé to do the selling for you. No matter how qualified you are for the position, you will need to sell yourself to the interviewer.

Do greet the interviewer(s) by title and last name if you are sure of the pronunciation. (If you're not sure, do ask the receptionist about the pronunciation before going into the interview.)

Do shake hands firmly. Don't have a limp or clammy handshake!

Do wait until you are offered a chair before sitting. And do remember body language and posture: sit upright and look alert and interested at all times. Don't fidget or slouch.

Don't tell jokes during the interview.

Do make good eye contact with your interviewer(s).

Do show enthusiasm in the position and the company.

Don't smoke, even if the interviewer does and offers you a cigarette. And don't smoke beforehand so that you would not smell like smoke. And do brush your teeth, use mouthwash, or have a breath mint before the interview.

Do avoid using poor language, slang, and pause words (such as "like," "uh," and "um").

Don't be soft-spoken. A forceful voice projects confidence.

Do have a high confidence and energy level, but don't be overly aggressive.

Don't act as though you would take any job or are desperate for employment.

Do avoid controversial topics.

Don't say anything negative about former colleagues, supervisors, or employers.

Do make sure that your good points come across to the interviewer in a factual, sincere manner.

Don't ever lie. Answer questions truthfully, frankly and succinctly. And don't over-answer questions.

Do stress your achievements. And don't offer any negative information about yourself.

Don't answer questions with a simple "yes" or "no." Explain whenever possible. Describe those things about yourself that showcase your talents, skills, and determination. Give examples.

Do show off the research you have done on the company and industry when responding to questions.

Don't bring up or discuss personal issues or family problems.

Do remember that the interview is also an important time for you to evaluate the interviewer and the company she represents.

Don't respond to an unexpected question with an extended pause or by saying something like, "Boy, that's a good question." And do repeat the question out loud or ask for the question to be repeated to give you a little more time to think about an answer. Also, a short pause before responding is okay.

Do always conduct yourself as if you are determined to get the job you are discussing. Never close the door on an opportunity until you are sure about it.

Don't answer cell phone calls during the interview, and do turn off (or set to silent mode) your cell phone and/or pager.

Do show what you can do for the company rather than what the company can do for you.

Don't inquire about salary, vacations, bonuses, retirement, or other benefits until after you've received an offer. Be prepared for a question about your salary requirements, but do try and delay salary talk until you have an offer.

Hello Guard!...
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Do ask intelligent questions about the job, company, or industry. Don't ever not ask any questions—it shows a lack of interest.

Do close the interview by telling the interviewer(s) that you want the job and asking about the next step in the process. Some experts even say you should close the interview by asking for the job.

Do try and get business cards from each person you interviewed with—or at least the correct spelling of their first and last names. And don't make assumptions about simple names—was it Jon or John—get the spelling.

Do immediately take down notes after the interview concludes so you don't forget crucial details.

Do write thank you letters within 24 hours to each person who interviewed you. And do know all the rules of following up after the interview.

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Paperless, 'office-less' work provides...

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fore really buckling down to work. Dr. Anton then cites studies illustrating that our tendency to cram on the last hour is human nature. This tendency, he argues, is certainly encouraged more by the home-based setup.

Isolation

Another qualm against the emerging setup is its inherent ability to isolate and further alienate. Jong M., an HRD manager, now reports to her Alabang office twice a week. In her (paid) absence, answering machines are provided to give clients polite answers. Jong may have all the time in the world for rest and recreation, but from a client's perspective, it certainly would be much preferable if she were there to answer queries. I, for one, certainly would much prefer to communicate with a human being than an unthinking, unfeeling machine.

The backlash of a paperless, office-less set-up can result in: (1) isolation from the rest of society of those who can't have access to new technology and (2) isolation of the individual himself/herself from what used to be a vibrant workplace community. Personally, despite all these threats, I remain undaunted enough to choose the brighter side of new technology. They have yet to stop me from salivating after that new-generation ("new-for-now") laptop. Besides, I have not much choice; my job requires that I acquire one into which I can squeeze online versions of books, office documents, and other data into pocketsize portability.

That's one last thing that ought to disturb my inner Luddite: In a technology driven-society, we all become hostage to our own creations. It's like playing the role of God without the blueprint for omniscience. One prays that the new paper-less, home-based setup won't be producing an army of Frankensteins.

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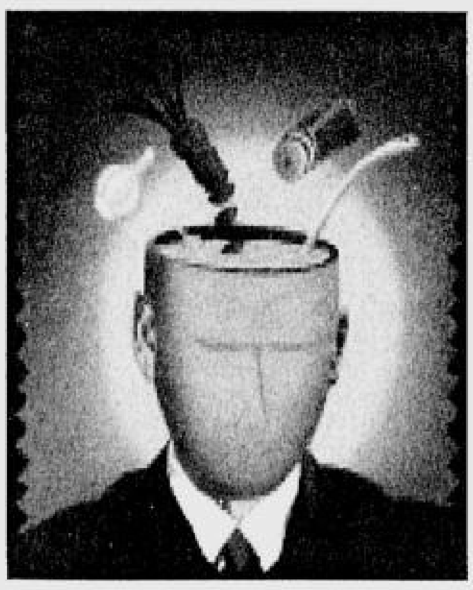

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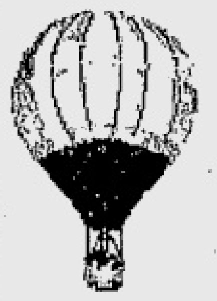

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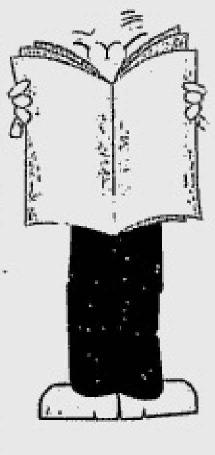

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How do you deal with a shy person at work?

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Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I've been working in the same small office with mostly the same people for many years. We all work closely and we joke around a lot. Now we just got a new employee who is so shy she barely talks! She makes it awkward for the rest of us. We don't want to exclude her, but it's hard to make her feel like part of the group.

She's Shy But Not Retiring

There was a flood recently in the basement of the Boston Public Library. It soaked 50,000 cartons of books. But water wasn't the only thing the broken water main unleashed: it also released a flood of emotions in the library staff. One suffered nightly panic attacks. Another compared it to a death in the family. Twenty-five employees ended up in grief counseling.

Which just goes to show that there's often a lot going on beneath the surface of even the quietest people. The strategies below should help you draw out your coworker. (And they wouldn't hurt to use with non-shy people, too. They're just good, practical communication skills.) For more ideas, check out Donald Weiss's book, "Why Didn't I Say That?!" (Amacom, 1994).

Strategies

Can you show your coworker you're listening? It's not enough to listen.

You've got to SHOW HER that you're listening. Maintain eye contact, postpone interruptions, and ask specific questions based on what she's said.

Can you create a safe environment? People refrain from interacting for many reasons. Maybe she's afraid to speak up around the boss. Maybe she's nervous in a group. Maybe she's afraid to speak for fear of being criticized. Try talking to her one-on-one, over lunch perhaps, and see if she's more forthcoming. If she warms up to you all individually, she may become more outgoing in the group.

Can you give her more time to respond? When I first began making speeches, I couldn't understand why audiences didn't laugh at my jokes. Gradually I came to realize: I wasn't giving them enough time! I was racing on to my next point. So I slowed down – and, voila! my laugh meter rose. You might try the same thing with your coworker. Give her more time to respond to your questions or comments, and see if her response ratio doesn't rise too.

Feedback

Can you give her encouraging feedback? Some shy people like it when the person they're talking to nods and "uh-huhs" and comments. Others crawl right back into their shell. Try different approaches with your coworker. See what draws her out and then use that to encourage her conversation.

Can you gently explain the problems her shyness causes? Shy people usually don't recognize their effect on the people around them. Tell her how much the team needs her contributions. That alone may help draw her out.

The librarians proved that still waters run deep. Who knows what lurks inside your coworker? Hopefully these techniques will help to open her floodgates.

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– It's their problem; they need to learn to speak up, 34.4%

– It's our problem; we should draw them out, 65.5%

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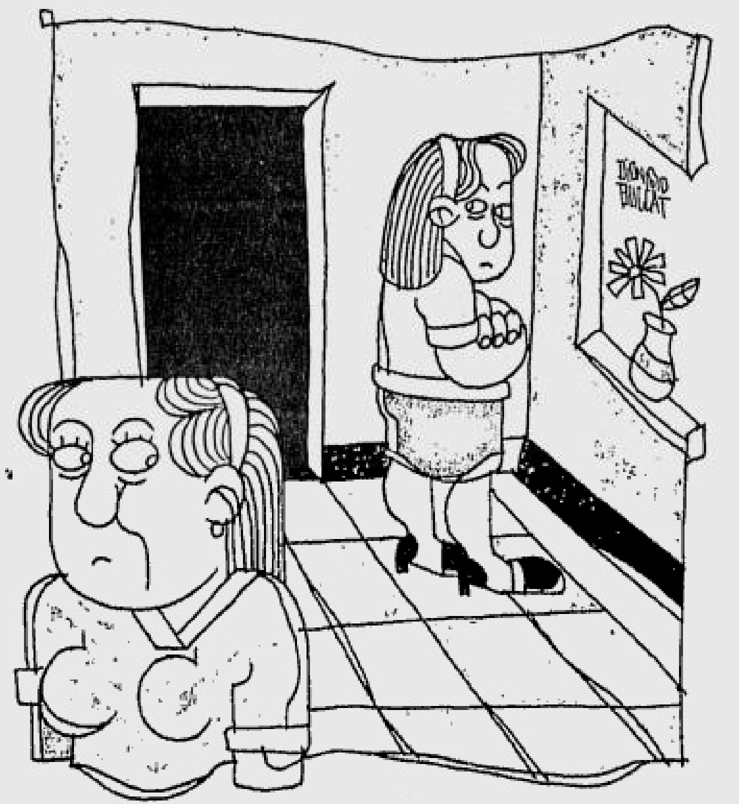

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Frustrated gov't employee ...

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appointment.

At this point in time, something must be done to eradicate corruption in government and in the private sector. A small group of well-meaning Filipinos can serve as the "catalysts of change." If we love our children, then, let us join hands and fight corruption from all sides. Do not be contented with minimizing corruption; rather, let us join hands to eradicate it.

Sad and Frustrated

Congratulations for keeping your faith in the Filipino amidst all the frustrations and disappointments. I share and agree with most of your ideas. I know all these evils exist in our society today. But where are the solutions? I know eradicating corruption is one dimension to address. But we also know that our problems are embedded in a self-perpetuating system. The system of corruption is complex. Many elements have to change. I wish to share some ideas that our readers can build on. Let us begin a respectful dialogue and conversation on this very relevant topic.

Steps

First, we have to form the consciences and values of Filipinos so that we inculcate and encourage practice of ethical behavior. I realize that conversion of heart has to begin with each one of us. Our Christian upbringing tells us that one of the commandments is "Do not steal." We have to be strong in the face of temptation. We have to make it attractive for young people to remain honest and consider integrity a virtue.

Second, we have to create structures of transparency and lessen bureaucracy so that corruption has no place to hide or thrive. We also need the clean administration of justice that will create an environment where violators of the law are meted fair and swift punishment. We need to have a society governed by law and not by privilege.

Checks

I am glad to note that the administration has started doing "lifestyle checks." We are aware that SEC and CB have started spreading the word on corporate governance. May they continue to clean up our institutions with courage and perseverance. We know that role modeling simplicity of lifestyle among our leaders, political, religious, and others can create a powerful statement. Meantime, let us focus on areas we can control and influence. Then, it is important to continue to pray for our country, so that we may unite and fulfill our destiny as a truly great nation.

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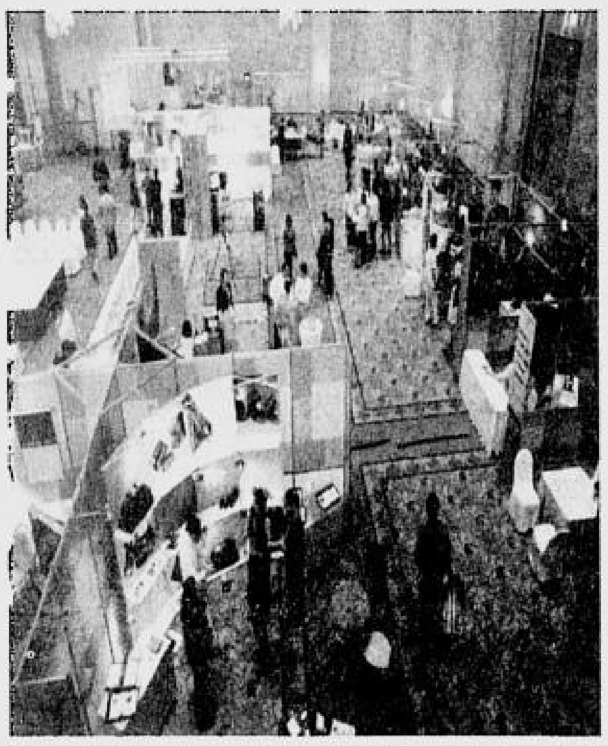

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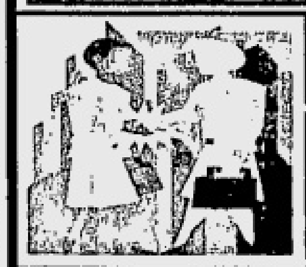

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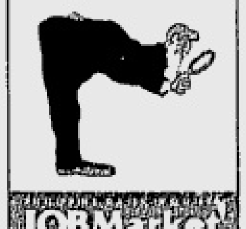

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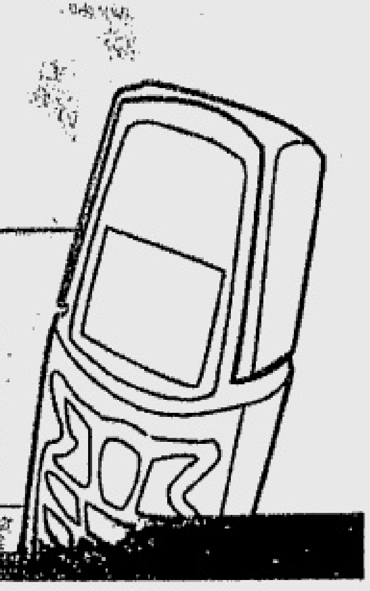

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Paperless, 'office-less' work provides unlimited opportunities in companies without boundaries

By Resty S. Odon

POSTCARDS *from the* CORPORATE EDGE

CALL it the paranoia of a Luddite but I'm always seized by this unsettling feeling whenever I encounter high-sounding buzzwords like "paradigm shifts" especially when applied to technology. I tend to conjure up apocalyptic images in my mind.

Take the case of my former officemates reporting the advent of a paperless, "office-less" workplace. It's a phenomenon I only used to read about. Thanks to laptops, Palm Tops, cell phones, email and other "new-for-now" telecommunication devices, certain companies are able to work on entire projects without employees ever leaving their homes. And I thought that, in my kind of job, I'm already deep into cutting-edge technology. Listening to the news from the real techno-savvy, I am practically a dinosaur.

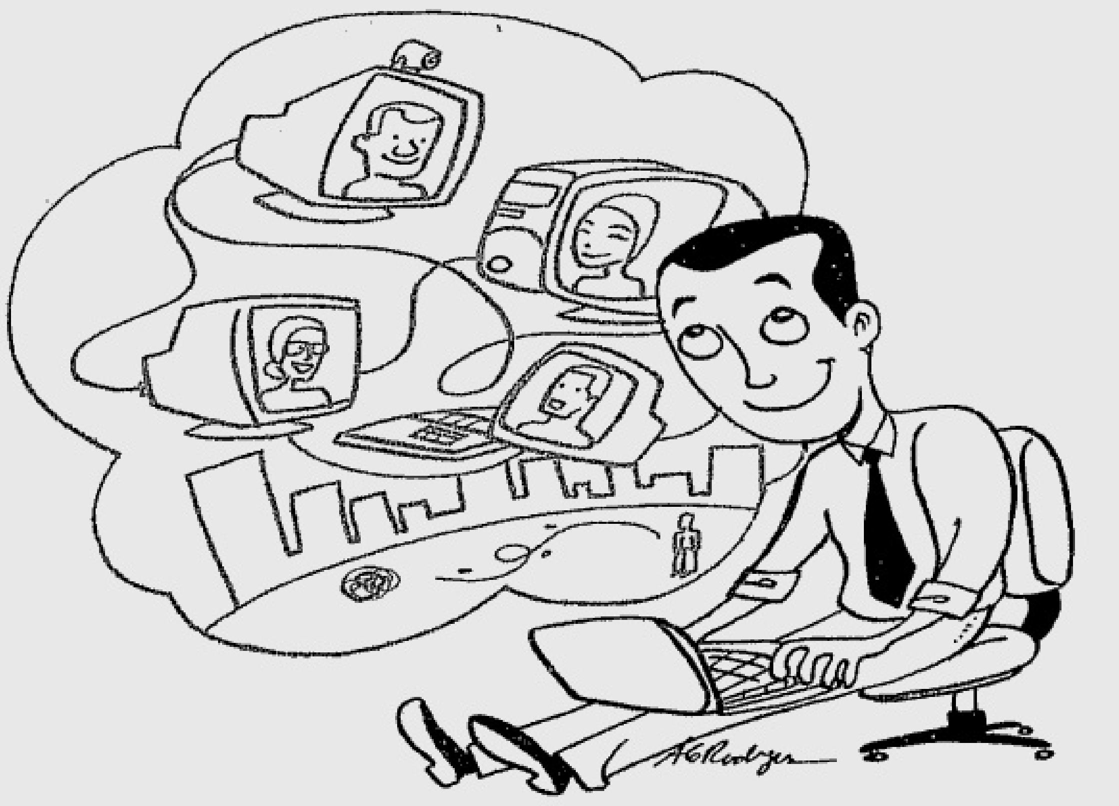
Except for the presence of one trusty soul who couldn't seem to take the new arrangement (now, there's a dinosaur and a Luddite if I ever saw one), the premises of a paperless, "office-less" company is a foreboding sight– free of personnel (save for that lonesome secretary) and silent like a ghost town.

Of course, this setup presupposes that the following prerequisites at home are met at the outset -- electricity, phone line, modem, PC (with, printer), cell phone/pager, fax machine and Internet account. Air conditioning is optional.

Benefits

Perhaps my mind is a bit wild, but I can see in my crystal ball that this seemingly incremental development is not just a simple result of a preeminent corporate motive: savings, cost-cutting and more savings. No, it has multiple ramifications and manifold repercussions.

It can mean entire office spaces being freed up and employees actually not meeting each other in person. It can mean LRT and MRT rides becoming purely a seamless trip to the mall. It can mean skyscrapers becoming obsolete as office spaces. I can see traffic jams on Edsa and elsewhere being solved overnight. I can see our extensive parking lots turn into rainforests.



New industries

This development, needless to say, may spell death to auxiliary or peripheral industries—from office equipment to canteens to construction to office wear. But then, it can also give birth to new industries catering to heretofore unseen markets. Paperless transaction signals the further decline of the pulp and paper industry—which is good news to environmentalists. But more homes getting wired up can give rise to new business opportunities. Furthermore, we may have to contend with new forms of wastes - the burgeoning refuse of the digital age. It is hoped that in any case, new jobs will mushroom as well, like home-oriented services.

Let's check out how employees in paperless workplaces find the new set-up. Ruth G., a medical indexer and abstractor, is ecstatic about the savings she makes in food, transportation and clothing, not to mention the time it takes her to prepare and decide on what food to eat and clothes to wear. But, she figures that all the convenience she has right now is at the expense of her social life, which is essentially zero.

Herbs V., another employee in a competing firm, reports not having easily adapted to a purely online, home-based work. Sometimes, he says, he still prefers the printed material to the electronic copy, especially when his eyes get droopy. At times, he chooses to download his workload and prints it at once for perusal.

From a clinical standpoint, Anton L., a medical doctor, notes the advantage of having a quieter workplace in home-based online work, citing studies that found higher productivity and efficiency among workers in quieter versus noisy environments. However, he counters, being at home can mean the absence of superiors or colleagues watching over your shoulders. It can mean getting too relaxed and a tendency to get sleepy anytime. You are your own boss, yes, but there's no one to coerce you with that sense of urgency to get the job done. Moreover, there is a greater tendency to hunker over computer games first be

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REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

Called by the Father

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

MANY years ago, in the course of doing my job, I had the chance to join a small group going up to Mt. Banahaw to research on the various "cults" existent there. We knew no one there but were informed by prior seekers that accommodations would not be a problem. Trusting the voice of experience, we went, not even packing along a sleeping bag.

We spent the day chapel-hopping, so to speak, talking to members of this religious sect and that (including one that had women as priests), bathing in the springs, being given a tour of places believed to be "power spots" (like a big rock that allegedly opened to out-of-this-world destinations), documenting everything on film or tape, etc.

It was a day that boosted one's sense of wonder, but the most marvelous episode for me came at nightfall. We were in the modest home of a cult member, listening to stories from people we had met for the first time, when one of us asked about where we could stay. Without fanfare, we were told that the women would sleep right there, and the men in another member's house. Unaccustomed to such easy hospitality, we politely asked if this was common for them to feed and house strangers. Their simple answer was: *"Banal ang lugar na ito. Walang pumupunta dito na hindi tinawag ng Ama. Sapagka't kayo'y tinawag ng Ama, bisita din namin kayo."* The next day, they would not even accept our "donation" as we departed. Reflecting on today's gospel for this column, I remembered this experience.

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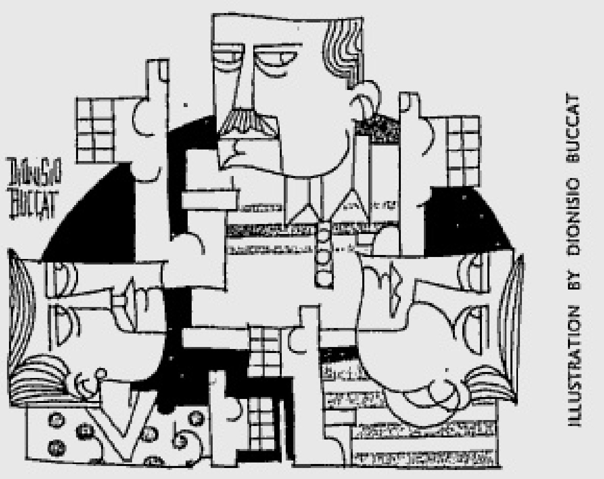

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Gospel Jn 6: 41-51

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: 'They shall all be taught by God.'"

"Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me."

A union for life

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

WHAT strikes me in the gospel passage for this Sunday is the relationship between Jesus and His heavenly Father. Jesus claims that no one comes to Him unless the Father draws that person to Him! Jesus will raise to life those who listen to and learn from the Father. As human beings created in the "image and likeness" of God, we have the capacity to live intimately united with one another as Jesus and the Father are one.

It is a fact that our life and happiness here on earth are greatly affected by the kind of relationship we have with others. We feel very much alive when we know that we are loved and needed by people around us especially those whom we love, too. We definitely enjoy living in an environment where we feel "one" with everyone, in a true and genuine community. This atmosphere of love and unity with one another can and should be lived in the workplace.

A harmonious relationship with our boss and our coworkers makes our job a lot easier. We certainly enjoy working in a place where we feel accepted, loved, understood and appreciated. The boss who feels "one" with his subordinates readily understands the mistakes of the latter and like a father, patiently leads "his children" to make up for the deficiencies. Workers who regard their boss as a "father" will work, like "good children," with greater devotion and dedication. Such intimate working relationships bring the company a long way, and lead the persons towards eternal life!

(Email the author at mfvg@skyinet.net.*)*

Frustrated gov't employee presses for fight against corruption

By Tita Datu Puangco

Advice FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

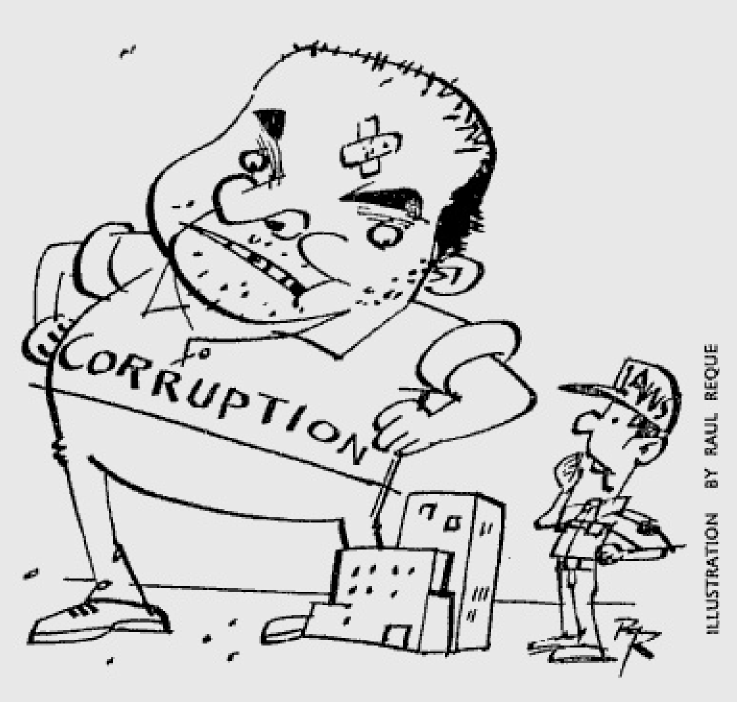
LAST July 20, as I was going over the Job Market portion of the Sunday Inquirer, I chanced upon your column and started reading the letter of Busy Body. I, too, am a government employee who had the chance to work with two American firms, the first, a distributor of heavy equipment and the other, a plywood factory.

After spending a combined five years with these two firms and getting laid-off from the latter, I started working with a government regional office in October of 1974, going up the ladder. At present, I occupy a middle management position. As always, there are positive and negative factors in working with a private company or government agency.

My experience with the two private firms really impressed upon me the value of work, not to mention the experience I acquired and the higher salary scale. On the other hand, my stay in government enabled me to travel to different places in the Philippines to attend seminars, conferences or dialogue with our field personnel and I learned to appreciate the varied cultures of our countrymen.

They say when one works in government, one is assured of the security of tenure, that is, if you are a career professional and not a political appointee. But nowadays, once you reach even just a lower management position, your job security will be at a risk. This is true especially if you are working with an agency that has been ranked by the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and other research groups as among the ten most corrupt agencies in the Philippines. You might even find yourself one day standing before an RTC Judge or the Sandiganbayan entering your plea of "not guilty" for a charge of violation of the Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act. You will feel disgust for your superiors, peers and subordinates who continue to commit prohibited acts with even greater impunity even with this law.

Corruption is never a victimless crime. On the contrary, it has profound consequences on individuals, firms, social sectors and the development of society in general. The people therefore should focus not just how and where corruption takes place and who is responsible for it. They should also examine the damage it brings. It is true that all these years, several laws have been passed to "fight" corruption, but it seems that just like cancer, corruption is deeply rooted and validates the statement that "power corrupts."



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I am employed in one of the agencies that has been proposed by the national leadership to be abolished. And rightly so, our agency is one of the big "white elephants" that has all these years sucked much of the scarce government financial resources from the treasury coffers into the pockets of a few unscrupulous, selfish and greedy politicians, officials and employees. These people comprise only a negligible two percent of the agency population, but they have successfully eroded the reputation of the other honest officials and employees of our department.

Imagine this: in procurement alone, so much money is lost because purchases are overpriced. What's more, what is delivered and accepted is of low quality. In addition, some assets of the agency are acquired and put for personal use. Further, let's take a look into the recruitment process. It is the established policy of government to attract the most qualified into the service and if there are vacancies in the management level, selection is supposed to be through merit and fitness. These are clearly printed in various guidelines. Sadly however, filling up of positions comes with so much politics and hundreds of thousands of pesos. And even those applying for Salary Grade 1 to 10 positions are sometimes required to shell out P10,000.00 to P50,000.00 to be assured of an approved

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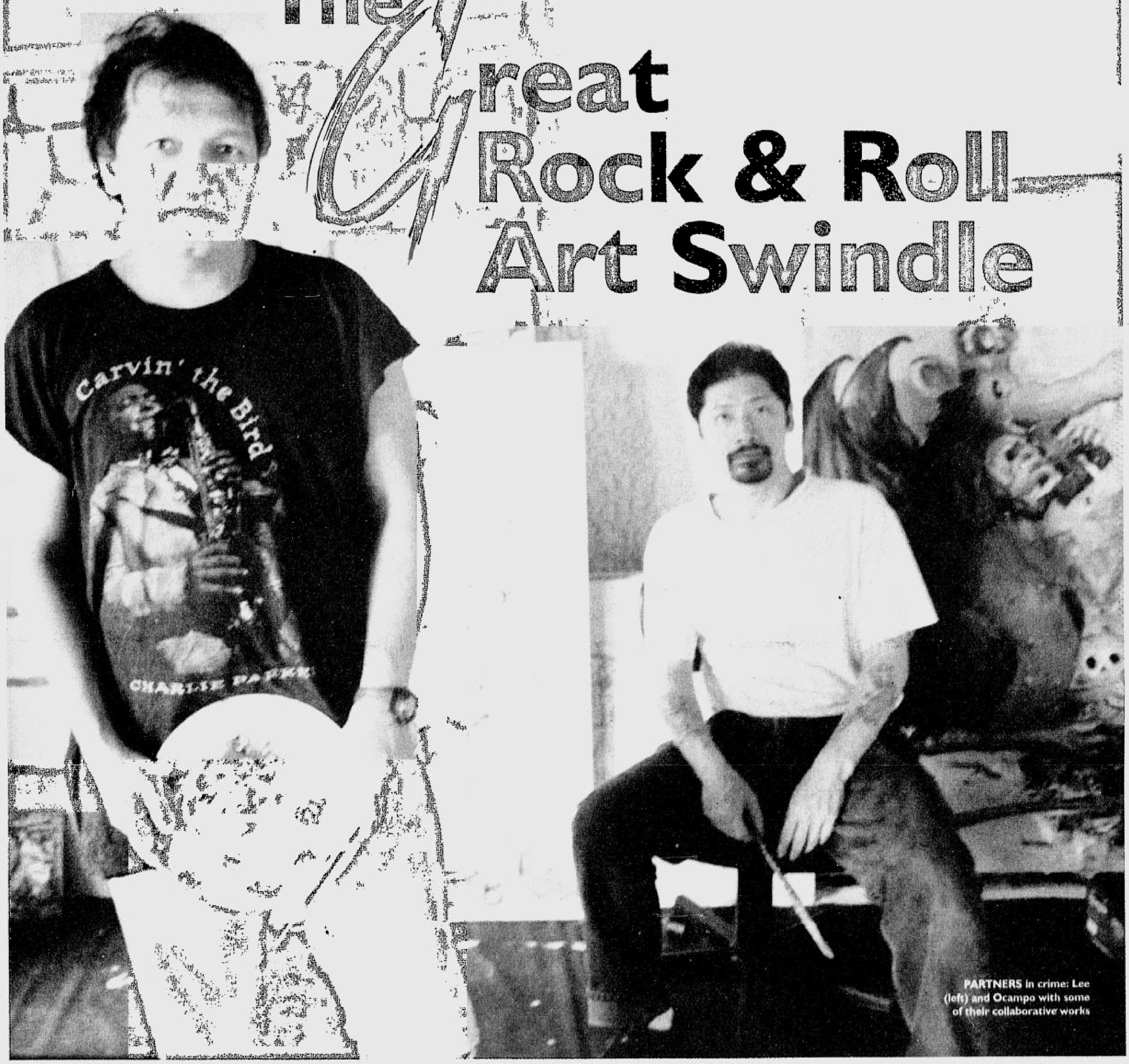
Manuel Ocampo and Romeo Lee

The Great Rock & Roll Art Swindle



PARTNERS in crime: Lee (left) and Ocampo with some of their collaborative works

By Eric S. Caruncho
Photographs by Sonny Yabao

> *The art of the future will be the overthrow of situations, or nothing.*
> **Guy Debord, 1952**

Not since the "Thrilla in Manila" has the clash of two titans excited so much controversy and speculation among the cognoscenti:

In the blue corner, wearing the black, paint-spattered post-modern trunks—world-famous painter, iconoclast, and darling of the European and US cutting-edge art world—the challenger: Manuel "The Thing Itself" Ocampo!

In the red corner, wearing the tie-dyed *ukay-ukay* trunks—misunderstood genius, rock & roll icon and man-about-town—the champion: Romeo "Wild Thing" Lee!

Or so the incessant buzz around the duo's upcoming exhibit, "Lee Almighty" (opening Aug. 12 at the Mag:net Gallery, Quezon City), would have us believe.

But this is not going to be your usual gallery opening, with wine, canapes and much chin-stroking. The blurb described the show as "a multi-faceted work consisting of a gallery installation, photographs, video, posters, a giant billboard and performative [sic] components such as a rock concert, a press conference, live interviews and planning conferences." The exhibit also promised the duo's take on "MMDA art."

"A major multi-media extravaganza!" one typically hyperventilating press release described the event-to-be. "A space of resistance in an ironic and equally banal yet thought-provoking way!" went another. "A giant, steaming turd dropped on the upturned faces of an unsuspecting and credulous art public!" went a third (okay, that was me).

What the f-ck is going on here?

To begin with, with all the local art-wanker wannabes just dying to bask in Ocampo's reflected glory, him choosing Lee as collaborator for his first major Philippine exhibit is already a stroke of sheer genius.

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What do you get when you put together the art of cutting-edge iconoclast artist Manuel Ocampo and underground rock icon Romeo Lee, who is generally regarded as a crackpot? Art as resistance and commentary on our celebrity-fueled media

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Ocampo is a huge deal in the US and Europe: "One of the most important young artists to have emerged from Los Angeles in the last decade" sums up one critic, who mentions him in the same breath as Gericault, Daumier and Goya. He has exhibited in New York, LA, Paris, Madrid, Mexico City and Germany, and books and monographs on his work have been published. He also won the prestigious Rome Prize for the Visual Arts and numerous endowments and grants.

Ocampo's main notoriety is for combining lowbrow elements—tattoo, graffiti and scatological imagery—into provocative and intellectually ambitious works that violate cherished icons. Neither Christianity nor communism nor any orthodoxy for that matter is safe from his scathing brush. "With a singularly perverse view of contemporary culture," goes one assessment, "Ocampo makes intrinsically religious paintings that confront the viewer with moral dilemmas, ultimately transforming horror into beauty, and history into art." Whew! He once painted the Virgin Mary as a vampire, and Karl Marx getting head. (For a sample of his work, dig out your CD of Beck's "Odelay" and check out the back cover.)

"I've been very fortunate," is all the self-effacing, soft-spoken artist has to say about his international stature.

On the other hand, Lee's own considerable talents as a painter in the expressionist manner have been largely overshadowed by his public antics as "Wild Thing": rock star and perennial class clown rolled into one. The Lee-produced annual UP Mountaineers rock concert is a cherished underground tradition, offering him a chance to cavort in his cow costume and jester's bell-cap in front of a live, screaming audience. It's probably safe to say that the majority of the people who have heard of Romeo Lee don't even know he's a painter—to them he's just another colorful crackpot.

To understand the connection, we must go back to the dark Orwellian year of 1984. The country was falling apart in the aftermath of the Aquino assassination, but the UP College of Fine Arts offered a temporary haven for outcasts of all stripes. Ocampo, then a freshman, recognized a kindred spirit in Lee—brother of "Cesar Asar" creators Mon and Rox Lee—already a campus fixture with his spiked hair and ripped jeans. A mutual love for hardcore punk rock sealed the friendship.

The following year, when "no future" wasn't just a punk slogan but a real prospect, Ocampo decided to drop out of UP and migrate to the US. After a few years of "TNT" dodge-and-feint and a half-hearted stab at going back to art school ("I found it stifling"), he began to gain critical raves for his distinctive paintings. For his part, Lee went on to become, well, Romeo Lee.

When gnawing nostalgia prompted Ocampo to return to the Philippines for the first time ("I was already watching Tagalog movies *kahit baduy*," he confesses) the first person he looked up was Lee.

"We have a mutual admiration for each other's work," says Ocampo. But beyond the work, Ocampo marvelled at how Lee's peripatetic lifestyle of trawling the city for *ukay-ukay*, pirate CDs and used audio equipment hadn't changed in the 17 years he had been away.

"He's sort of the *flaneur*—the drifter—a child of the city," he says. "Not like stressed-out people with 9-to-5 jobs, he's more liberated in a way. He's happy, so he must be doing something right."

Galvanized by his return to his former stamping grounds, Ocampo immediately planned a two-man show with his former running buddy. The pair started collaborating on several paintings, but it began to seem to Ocampo that the two-dimensional canvas was too small to hold the ideas that were percolating in their heads.

"Painting is really an archaic medium," he says. "Nobody uses paint except in museums and galleries which are very much confined spaces. There's an art exhibit opening every week but they have no impact. The traditional media of painting and sculpture have lost their effectiveness."

He does allow, however, that painting is still valuable because it allows the artist space to reflect, away from the incessant media chatter of modern life. It is a kind of therapy, he adds, a way of letting the demons out.

The key to the dilemma came when painter Rock Drilon offered to host the two-man show in Mag:net Gallery, which he co-owns with his wife, broadcast journalist Ces Oreña-Drilon. Mag:net being in the ABS-CBN building in Quezon City—the belly of the beast, as it were—added a whole new dimension to the project.

"We decided to up the ante a little bit and infiltrate the media, do a little commentary," says Ocampo. "We decided to take the roles of agents provocateurs, in a sense. Television controls our daily lives. We base the way we live and how we look on certain soap operas and advertising. We decided to critique (mass media) and in a sense demystify the mechanism of its structure my mimicking its language—by doing the same thing, albeit in a more low-tech, grassroots level. In a sense, it's a political act—an act of resistance—but there's a lot of irony in it because we're exhibiting in the very space we're trying to criticize."

The epiphany came as the pair stood under a giant billboard in Quiapo advertising a Hollywood movie: sunbeams broke through the clouds and a heavenly host burst into Handel's "Hallelujah" chorus. The show would be called "Lee Almighty."

The agenda would be to launch Lee as an "anti-star" through the media machinery and infect the zombie masses with the art virus. In the grand punk tradition, it would be a situationist prank that would turn the system against itself. The Dada-inspired gesture would hopefully jar us out of narcotized stupor and in one brief flash reveal the cracks and joints in the apparently seamless hyper-reality (see Baudrillard, Jean) in which we passively live our lives as spectators. In short, it would be the great (rock & roll) art swindle.

Creating the anti-star was easy: Lee already was one, had been for years. The trick would be to make it known to the rest of the world. Almost immediately, eager conspirators crawled out of the woodwork. After a suitable preparation involving spas and dermatologists and a pedicure, various artists set about documenting Lee's day-to-day activities. Sculptors Reg Yuson and Maria Taniguchi encased him in plaster and created a bronze full-body cast; filmmakers Poi Beltran, Martin Aviles and Mara Benitez covered his every move; graphic artists created posters; Lee, Ocampo and other painters such as Gerry Tan and Gemo Tapales planned to paint a massive 60' x 40' billboard that would be strategically placed somewhere in Metro Manila. Scores of bands, including Pan, the Blue Jean Junkies, the Brown Beat All Stars and of course, Romeo Lee and the Brown Briefs signed up to play at the rock concert. And "Crazy Daisy" Langenegger catered.

The crew pulled tongues out of cheeks long enough to hold a press conference at Mag:net in which anti-star Romeo Lee was introduced to the press as part of his anti-image building. While Lee held the media enthralled with his gross-out humor ("Have you heard of any other star who farts in public?"), Ocampo built him up as the epitome of the post-modern Pinoy, thriving on the scraps of Western capitalism and building an alternative lifestyle that is, in a sense, a funhouse mirror image of modern consumer culture. Instead of designer-label clothes he flaunts *ukay-ukay* couture, and obsesses over pirate DVDs and junk electronics instead of the glossy consumer durables—the digital cameras, Palm Pilots and MP3 players—that middle-class Pinoys aspire to. It was a challenge hurled at the media-fuelled celebrity culture that is the central spectacle of modern Pinoy life. If you think Romeo Lee is freaky, the show asks, what about Chinese boy bands, midget entertainers and bold stars named after coup plotters? Which is the real freak show?

Of course, the real question is whether irony is still possible in our modern, hyper-real world, or whether the mass media will, Blob-like, absorb "Lee Almighty" and recycle it along with Kris Aquino's liposuction, Oakwood, panty liner commercials, "Temptation Island," Yilmaz Bektas, the Bun and Thigh Max, Mahal and Mura, Uday and Qusay, Capt. Trillanes, Jobert Sucaldito, Glorietta Magdalo, the State of the Nation address, Christian music videos and Taiwanese soap operas into the same droning and ultimately meaningless chatter that fills our days.

For Ocampo and Lee, it doesn't really matter. The art is in the process itself, which is ongoing and open-ended. The objects to be exhibited in the gallery "opening" are actually just artifacts, relics of the process. And you, the spectator, are part of the show.

"We can't just be passive and cynical," says Ocampo. "We have to think of new ways of resistance."

That, says the artist who now calls Berkeley, Ca. home, is the nice thing about being back in the Philippines.

"It's stimulating creatively," he says. "There's a healthy sense of anarchy here. There are a lot of negative things going on, but if you open up your mind creatively, the possibilities are endless."

"Lee Almighty" opens on Aug. 12, 6 p.m. at the Mag:net Gallery, ABS-CBN compound, Mother Ignacia Ave., Quezon City

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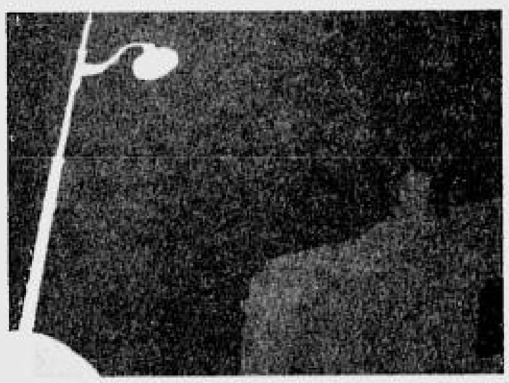

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Gaano Ka Kalayo?

Isang hakbang
o isang nakaw na sulyap sa iba.
Isang yakap,
o isang pagsamong
walang habag.
Isang tawag sa telepono,
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upang sumuko,
at makapangibang-landas
nang tapat sa ipinipintig
ng puso.

Joseph T. Salazar

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Celebrities

By Thelma Dumpit

Martin's Crossroads

ON HIS last day in Vegas, Martin Nievera rented a limousine and went to the airport to pick up his mom. From the airport, they drove around the Strip and then came to a stop. Martin looked out the window, then at his mom and said, "Now do you believe me?" There it was. A giant billboard of Martin Nievera Live at the Golden Nugget.

It's been 20 years on the road to stardom for Martin, who marked his anniversary last July 5. The road to stardom hasn't been easy, he says. Fresh from a successful month-long stint in Las Vegas, Nevada, Martin talks about his past, present and future plans, and about starting over away from home as he makes Las Vegas his base.

> *As he marks his 20th year in the business and plans on moving base to Las Vegas, the outspoken singer talks candidly about his life, loves and career*

SIM: So how has the road to stardom been?
Martin Nievera: It wasn't an easy road. There were moments when I thought I was, like, "the guy," when you think you're all that. You get a reality check after a while, because you learn very quickly that success and fame are temporary. But in the beginning, I never thought of that. I was very young, very reckless. I was 19 then.

SIM: Do you think you've reached your peak?
MN: I hope not. If I have, then what's next?

SIM: Did you set goals? What were your expectations when you got into the business?
MN: Actually, I have one advantage that other people don't have, and that is I had a dream, and I just wanted to be like my dad. During my time, even when you idolized the video game characters you played with, you also idolized your father. If my father was a plumber, I'd be a plumber. But he was a singer, and I liked the fact that he got immediate response for the work he did—applause, laughter, standing ovations, screams…

SIM: You recently had a successful show in Vegas.
MN: It was in downtown Las Vegas, at the Golden Nugget hotel. Other artists who've performed there before me were Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Sammy Davis, and more recently the likes of Tony Orlando and Clint Holmes. The Golden Nugget had me there for 20 shows. I did four nights a week for a whole month, minus the special shows for the employees and press cons.

SIM: Did it pay well?
MN: The pay wasn't really important. At that time, it didn't pay well, but it paid everyone around me and gave me great exposure, and now they're asking me to go back for a longer contract starting December until March. So it's all good.

SIM: What makes this show special?
MN: The best thing about it is the fact that it's not in the Philippines, and I'm breaking new ground. It's like I'm starting all over again. It's a little bit more work for me because its a nightly thing and no one knows who I am, but I really am enjoying myself because it's a humbling experience. It gives me a chance to, as we say in my business, "strut my stuff" to a whole different market.

SIM: But you've performed all over America before.
MN: But mostly before Filipino audiences and by Filipino producers who have enough money to get a big venue that the likes of Celine Dion have performed in. What I'm doing now in Vegas is hopefully going to train me and prepare me, because I plan on singing until I'm old and gray, you know. I have no business sense. I have no desire to become a restaurant owner or a politician. I only have my music to inspire people, to heal, to make sad or make happy, or to make people fall in love.

SIM: So where is home for you now?
MN: At the moment, home will always be the Philippines, no matter where I go, no matter where I end up. The Philippines will always be my home. But I'm hoping that Vegas will be my base some time in the future. That's why I keep on investing a lot of my time, and I'm willing to take a smaller paycheck. I got a small house in Silverado Ranch in Henderson, Nevada. It's more of an investment thing, so if I end up there, at least I have something. And also, the country was going through some rough times here, and I wanted to have a safe house for my children and their mom until this whole political crisis was over. I have a friend staying there now taking care of the house.

SIM: Do you see yourself going back to the States and residing there permanently?
MN: I think in showbiz, the word "permanently" should never be used, but yes, I do see myself going back there and making Vegas my home base, and just coming to the Philippines to do shows every so often. That's always been a master plan of mine for some time now, because I think I've done almost all that there is to do in the Philippines. I have to keep reinventing myself. I think I've been preparing for this moment for 21 years now, how to keep reinventing myself, keeping myself fresh, always on my toes and at the same time, grounded. That's what the Filipino in me does for me. It keeps me grounded. I'm so proud of the country I'm from. I incorporate that in every show I do so that people will say, "My God, that country must be a nice place to go to!"

SIM: Do you have a timetable?
MN: I did. At the beginning of my career, I set goals. I said at the age of 30, I'd be a millionaire. I don't know if I meant dollars or pesos so I haven't reached that point yet. Well, if you liquidate everything that I've bought in the last 21 years, I'd be a billionaire, but if you look at the bank, you'll see that I'm not.

But I did set dates and goals. I wanted to get married at the age of 35 but I got married at 24 instead. A bit too young. My goal was to slow down and settle down when I reach this point of my life. Unfortunately, it's not turning out the way I planned it. It seems to me like my whole career is starting now.

SIM: If your marriage didn't fail, would you still have considered going back to the States?
MN: I think when Pops and I were still married and we were with our kids in the States, we were more married than when we were here because we depended on each other. We didn't have any drivers, maids and yayas. We did everything for each other, and if we didn't, then things would not get done. I think that Pops and I would still be together if we still did that, except that Pops is also an artista and she also will miss the stage unless she does the same thing in America. But see, I had a better chance because I was willing to do lounges and whatever, sing at night, and bus tables during the day, whatever it took.

SIM: Are you saying that Pops was not willing to do that?
MN: I wasn't willing to make her jeopardize her dreams for me. I could have asked her, plus I didn't have the offers then that I have now. I was very hesitant to tell Pops, "Let's just stay here na lang and be a family." What was she going to do?

SIM: So she didn't want that kind of life.
MN: She didn't want the life where she wasn't doing what she loves to do, which is, like me, to perform. That's the disadvantage of having a showbiz marriage. You both have the same dreams, the same desires, the same determination. And I'm going to ask her to stop, for me?

SIM: And is it too late to ask her now?
MN: I don't have any more patience, so I believe my love life will always be a mess. It would have been easier to fix the marriage than to have different girls. A complete love is one that's a forever love, as opposed to happiness here, happiness there. I don't see myself marrying again. I see myself loving a lot to the point where there's nothing left for myself, but first on my list are my children. It will always be that way, so whoever she is, she'll have to understand, it's my kids before you. That's kinda hard for a woman to take.

SIM: That's going to take a lot.
MN: Exactly. So I haven't found that "a lot" girl yet.

SIM: How would you rate yourself as a performer?
MN: If I were an audience member, I would like to watch Martin because I don't know what to expect from him. But I like the fact that he sings songs that I like to hear. I love ballads. I love to listen to ballads so I would love to watch Martin.

SIM: Is there a difference between Martin on stage and Martin off-stage?
MN: That's the problem with my career. I don't have an image to hide behind. I'm exactly the same on and off stage. There are good and bad things about it. The good thing is, I don't lose my identity. I know who I am, I know where I came from.

SIM: How do you see yourself five, 10 years from now?
MN: Hopefully doing the same thing. I haven't lost the desire yet, knock on wood. I'm never tired. Physically, yes, but I've never been burned out in what I do, that's why I think I'm still doing it. Why am I doing this? Because this is another way of reinventing myself, and also because I feel success is measured by listening and not by talking all the time.

SIM: What do you consider your greatest achievement?
MN: Yet to come. Well, on a personal note, it's my two children. I didn't think I could ever be blessed with such awesome kids. They're the best kids. That would be one. But the professional side, the best is yet to come.

SIM: Your biggest disappointment?
MN: Hopefully, not to come again. Hahaha! My biggest disappointment is that you really can't have everything. I thought you could. I thought I was indestructible. I had a great marriage, great family and a great career. But you really can't have everything.

SIM: How do you feel now that you're just by yourself?
MN: It's enjoyable at times, but loneliness sometimes becomes very haunting and makes me an insecure man—like, am I gonna die like this? You grab on to whatever you can. I have a lot of friends, but I have no *barkada*. I like to watch movies in my spare time.

SIM: Do you enjoy singing more than hosting?
MN: Yes. I love singing more than anything else. It's my first love.

SIM: I thought Pops was your first love.
MN: She's my first wife.

SIM: So who are the loves of Martin?
MN: Many. Some of them don't even know (*laughs*).

SIM: So tell us which one is past, present and future. Pops?
MN: She's past, present and future.

SIM: You mean it's still going to be you and her together in the end?
MN: I think so. Even from separate rooms, separate houses. I think that's one thing I can never deny the mother of my kids, so she'll always be above all the other names in your list.

SIM: Katrina Ojeda.
MN: Past-ish, present.

SIM: Regine Velasquez.
MN: Present. She's my present team on stage. We seem to have some sort of special chemistry that seems to be working.

SIM: Cutie del Mar.
MN: Cutie is also one of those past, present and futures. I don't have a label for her right now, but she has always been a dear friend, even way before the names you've mentioned before came into the picture. Presently, we've been spending a lot of time together, and that's being misunderstood.

SIM: What's next?
MN: I think there's still a lot. I think I can be doing more good for my country and the industry if I'm outside the country. We have enough great singers and performers. It's all about paving the way for the future singers and performers. When I say we, it's the Martins, the Garys, Regines, Pops. We have to be aware that we will not be here forever, so we have to do what can we to make sure that this country remains a country of great performers and singers.

"Great exposure": Martin's latest coup is performing in Las Vegas

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Theater Tales

By Cora Llamas
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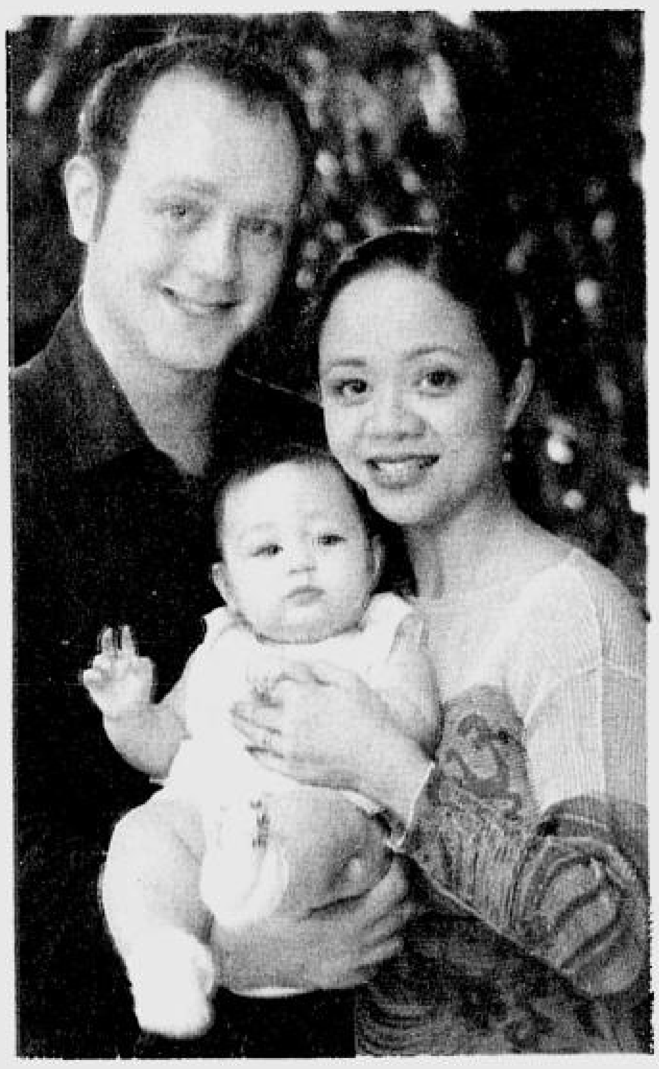
Her Place on the Global Stage

Setting her sights on expanding Philippine theater horizons, thespian Thea Tadiar lives her life off stage with the same global soul as she does on it

She looks sweet and guileless, but opera singer-cum-musical theater actress Thea Tadiar can give as much as she gets. One clueless Italian bigot found this out the hard way.

Spotting the petite Pinay waiting quietly in the Italian subway, the Italian harassed her, cackling loudly at her in Chinese. Instead of withering away, Thea lashed back in perfectly accented Italian: "Mister, do you have something to say to me? Do you have a problem?" He ended up suffering the embarrassment and curious looks.

A similar incident happened in another subway in Rome. One Italian bystander noticed her Filipina looks and told her in no uncertain terms: "You Filipinos! You think this is America! You come here to work and make your money!"


Enjoying the magic of music (above); and family, (right) with Richard and Arianna

This time, she just shrugged her shoulders gracefully and just walked away, leaving the man to rant by himself. "I didn't want to waste my energy on him."

Back in 1999, during her last months in a one-year music scholarship program at the Accademia Internazionale delle Arti, Thea had already become adept at fighting the veiled insults and thinly disguised dirty looks that Filipinas had endured from many Italians.

"Most of the Filipinas there are domestic helpers (DH). If I go to a coffee shop, they'd look at me as if asking, 'What do you want here?' You'd feel the way they look at you, even as you just walk down the street. So I learned to speak Italian and became pretty fluent with it. More than that, I spoke it with a Roman accent. They'd look at me differently then."

After a pause, she adds quietly, "I can't let them bring me down." That female fighting spirit has blazed the Philippine stage in recent months. Thea has just finished a run of Tanghalang Pilipino's Fil-Am generational saga, *"Oraciones,"* wherein she played one of the first Filipinas to fight for the right to vote.

It's not the first time she's played a revolutionary. In the UK National Tour of "The Mother," Thea's peasant character carried a gun to fight for the poor and oppressed. Although Masha was only a minor character, she treasures the experience as one of her career-defining moments.

A British journalist came up to congratulate her after the performance. He remarked, "It's refreshing to see a Filipina in a musical other than 'Miss Saigon' or 'The King and I.'"

She happily answered back, "I'm glad that you pointed that out. That there is more that we Filipinos can do. Maybe if the British theater were less color-blind, it would be able to incorporate more Asians."

Following a one-year post-grad education at the London's Royal Academy of Music in 2000, Thea played a streetkid—"it didn't need any nationality"—at the English National Opera's "Palace in the Sky." A role at the BBC TV's "Crimewatch" cast her as a Filipina who—to no surprise—happened to be a DH, specifically a nanny to two young girls.

But then again, breaking into professional theater in Britain is hard for every actor from any race. Thea recalls that her peers "worked in an office during the day. We all had day jobs. Even the actors whom I thought were so good and talented had to get flexible jobs that would allow for auditions."

The roles thinned and work grew scarce after 9/11. "The theater industry went into a slump after 9/11. It affected the American tourists and the funding and investments coming in from the US. A lot of shows closed."

Time to regroup and recharge on the home front. Last December, she returned to Manila to renew the music-theatrical career that had started in the late '80s in shows like *"Noli Me Tangere," "El Filibusterismo,"* and concerts at the Cultural Center of the Philippines and other places. Husband Richard Everlee, a former classmate at the Royal Academy, gave her blessing and joined her. In January of this year, Thea gave birth to their daughter, Arianna.

Readily acknowledging Richard's support, she says, "He didn't put himself and his career before me. He thought it would be a good move for me to perform here, after not having many performances in the UK."

Not that Richard has been idle. His Pizza Hut commercials made him a familiar face to millions of televiewers. As we go to print, he's currently lighting up the stage as the contented self-accepting Frog in Trumpets' major musical, "Honk! The Ugly Duckling."

Right on the heels of *"Oraciones,"* Thea is set to appear in a one-day performance of "The Sopranos," a concert with fellow opera singers Lilac Cana and Rachelle Gerodias.

And, yes, one of these days, she plans to build a career shuttling between Manila and London. Never underestimate the value of a global education and the international exposure it brings."It's important not just in terms of the training but also in terms of life experience. Different teachers teach different things. It's important for artists to experience all that so they can discover the things that work for them personally. It's not a question of getting the better technique and bringing it back to Manila. *Makakapulot ka* with the different teachers you study under. It helps expand your repertoire."

She's rubbed shoulders with Koreans, Japanese, and Italian students in Master's Classes in Rome and and soaked up the cultural life of London, where there's a play on almost every corner. Yet, while she's leaving with a deeper appreciation of the artistry that the Western world has to offer, Thea also realized the need to look into her own national psyche.

"We should explore who we are as Filipinas. Where do we in our generation fall into in terms of history? Abroad, of course you only see Western productions. You tend to notice that everything is either British or American. In London, I asked myself why there's no Filipino-British theater company..."

The words fade, but her eyes spark with that familiar flame. An idea is germinating, creating another worthy battle in the years to come for this artist to engage in.

"The Sopranos" plays on August 23 at the Philamlife Theater. For info, call 726-1927 or 0918-XINTALA.

LoveNotes

By Joe D' Mango

A Bond Between Two Men

I had a very beautiful girlfriend named Julia and everything was perfect—until I met Edward

Dear Joe,

At 27, I could say that God has showered me with blessings. I had a supportive family, a promising career, a house and a car of my own, good friends, and to top it all, a very beautiful and loving girlfriend named Julia. Everything was perfect—until I met Edward.

It was more than a year ago when Edward and I became friends. He was new at work then, and I was his immediate supervisor. We were together most of the time and I guess having the same personality, it wasn't hard for us to be close. In and out of work, we had a lot of fun together.

Six months ago, Edward told me he broke up with his girlfriend. He found out that his girl was having an affair with another man. At our hangout in Malate, he told me it always happens to him. He swore to hate women from that time on. I told him that everything would be all right.

As days passed, I expected that, as a result of his heartbreak, we would become closer. And true enough, he spent more time with me. There were even times that he would stay in the house for a week or so. It really didn't bother me; after all, we were friends.

Then one stormy evening, the doorbell rang. At the gate I saw Edward, soaking wet. He playfully grabbed my umbrella and we ran laughing into the rain. We even kissed.

I was never the same after that night. I tried to act normal through my daily routine, but deep down I knew something was wrong. I tried avoiding him but I wanted him even more.

Edward, on the other hand, continued to be the friend that he is to me. I don't know what he truly feels about me, or our friendship, or what happened between us. We never bothered to talk about it.

My relationship with Julia has been affected, too. Every time I hold and kiss her, I have this guilty feeling. I love her, Joe. I don't want to hurt her. But I can't marry her now.

I am really confused and afraid, Joe. I don't know who I am or what I want right now. I don't know what to do or who to love anymore. I want to put an end to this nightmare and live happily ever after once more.

Revo

Dear Revo,

You are afraid because you are slowly being drawn into an attraction that totally contradicts all that you have known yourself to be.

Getting attracted to someone of the same sex is not merely a question of homosexuality. It is a complicated picture. What makes you feel this way towards Edward cannot be attributed to just one factor. What happened to you that revealing, rainy night was just the consequence of the need to express yourselves that might have been subconsciously suppressed and taken for granted.

Revo, now you are unsure of what you really want. I believe you have to sit down with Edward and talk about what happened that night. If you are still unsure, then you might want to consider seeking the help of a professional who can guide you in sorting out your feelings and your true identity.

I know you don't want to be unfair with Julia. This is why you have to carefully look into this situation before making any decision that you might regret in the end. I know it is difficult to make a choice but, if you let God take your hand, I'm sure He will guide you to the right path. You may be able to make yourself believe that loving Edward is the right thing to do, but what we think is right is not always good for us. Having an affair with another man was never God's idea of a relationship.

If it is true that having a family is the ultimate fulfillment of one's life, then there could never be contentment in this kind of relationship. Two men can build a life together but they can never build a family. They could love each other for life but their love can never bear fruit. Let us always remember that loving someone doesn't always bring joy, for love that is forbidden brings only temporary happiness.

Hey its me Aubrey! Txt nyo lang ako anytime para naman maging super close tayo. Chikahan tayo again!tr!
monday
Musta na kayo? As usual lagare ang sked ko today kaya wala akong time to workout. Ingat kayo!
wednesday
Ges wat,I'll be going 2 singapore 2 interuw ricky martin! I hope nde ako ma-tense pag kaharap ko na sya, kilig d ba?
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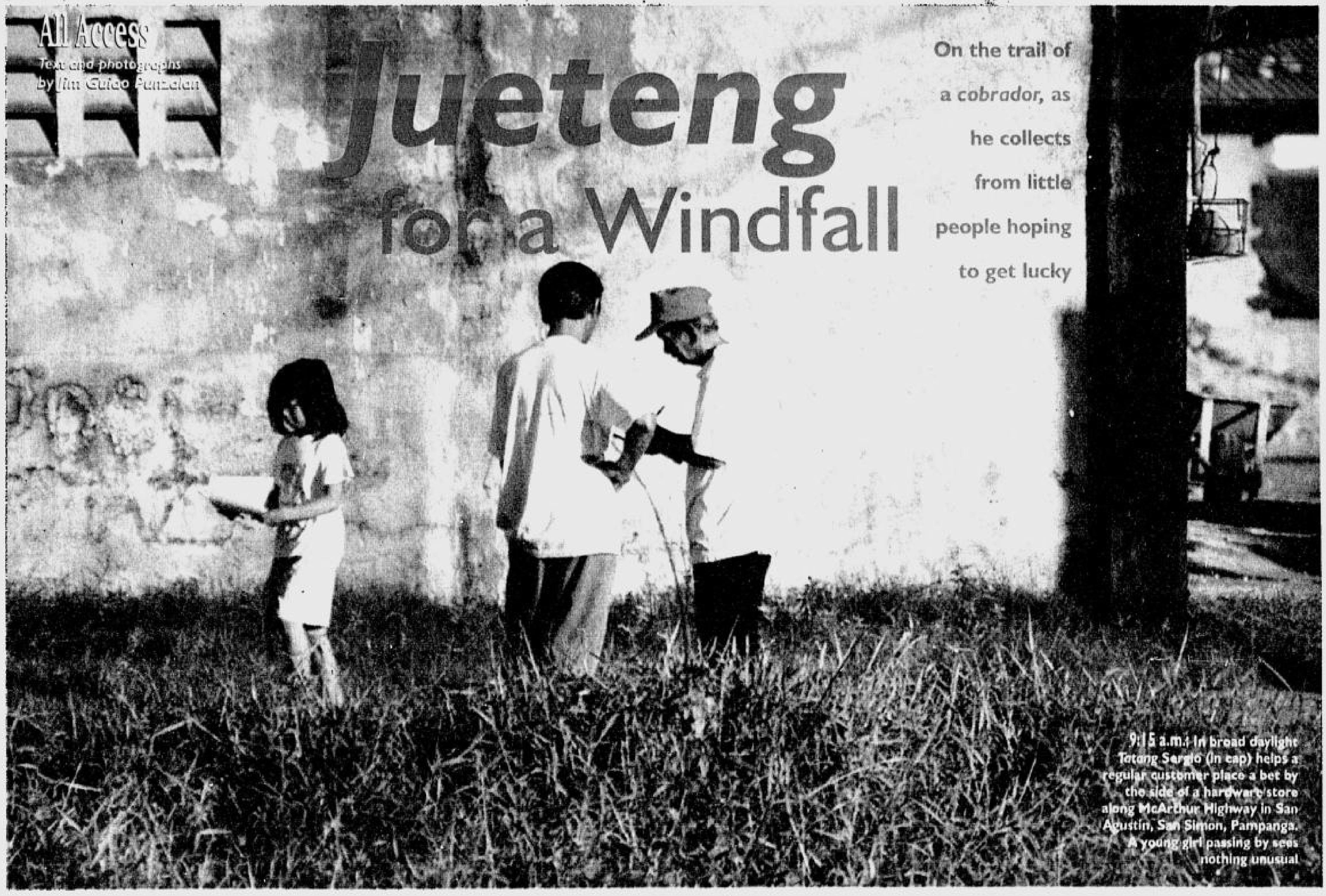
Jueteng for a Windfall

On the trail of a *cobrador*, as he collects from little people hoping to get lucky



9:15 a.m.: In broad daylight *Tatang* Sergio (in cap) helps a regular customer place a bet by the side of a hardware store along McArthur Highway in San Agustin, San Simon, Pampanga. A young girl passing by sees nothing unusual

IT IS broad daylight, and the *jueteng* collectors in a barangay in Pampanga are jostling it out with *pandesal* vendors to start the day's simple transactions.

Jueteng is easily a way of life in Pampanga, but it took a lot of trust before I was given access to my subject. In the world of gambling, a photographer following a collector is not exactly a winning combination.

I was probably still in short pants when *Tatang* Sergio started collecting bets for *jueteng*. A familiar sight to him are bettors scanning the *papelito*, a list of tips, before placing a bet.

.On the morning that I followed *Tatang* Sergio and Nognog as they went around doing their job, it took almost three hours of walking before they decided it was time to count their collections before turning it over to their boss, the *Cabo*.

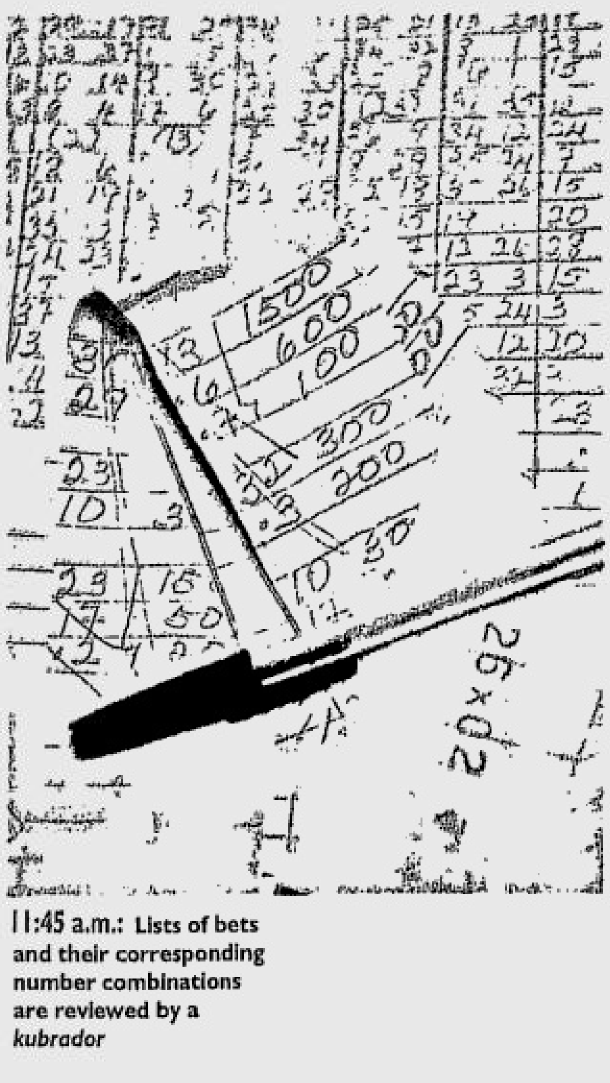
It is serious business; a *cobrador* (collector) who records the wrong numbers may end up paying an accidental winner out of his own pocket.

In a nondescript hut, the bills are counted and the coins stacked. But today, for some reason, the *Cabo*, who has about 40 *cobradors* under him, couldn't come. Instead, he sent his teenage son to pick up the bets. The teenager is a *cabo*-in-training.

Results are announced after every draw. It is about 2 p.m., and a *cobrador*-in-training makes the rounds of their area, shouting out the winning numbers. Another betting day is over. Some people got lucky. As for the rest, there's still the next day.

10:55 a.m.: A bettor in a jersey scans a *papelito* for tips before placing a bet with Nognog, a young *cobrador*, right beside the busy MacArthur Highway

11:40 a.m.: Nognog lists the latest bets, writing names, number combinations and amounts. Later, he will pack the money inside the wallet he has placed on the ground



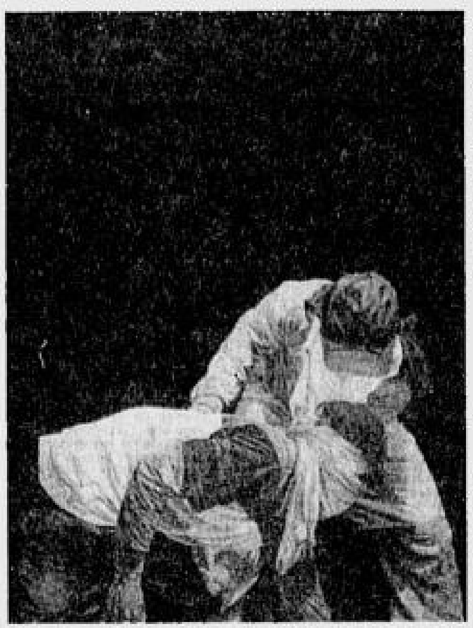
11:45 a.m.: Lists of bets and their corresponding number combinations are reviewed by a *kubrador*

12:50 p.m.: The bills are counted and the coins stacked before being turned over to the teenage son of a *cabo* (right), who is also a *cabo*-in-training

This Week

Art

"Yankee Doodles," an exhibition of political caricatures published in American periodicals at the turn of the 19th century revolving around American imperialism, on view at the Main Gallery of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Roxas Blvd. The exhibit which runs until August 24 is curated by Prof. Santiago Pilar and designed by Fatima Lasay. It features new works by ten prominent Filipino artists. For inquiries, call 832-3702.



Nonito Pongan's "Workers Stooping II" on view at Syano Artlink

"Tambala," the second solo exhibition of Nonito S. Pongan features 15 of the painter's works in mixed media. The theme focuses on construction workers, farmers, laborers—their struggles, hardships and the physicality of their work. Viewing date is until September. For inquiries, visit Syano Artlink at 19 Shanghai St., Better Living Subd., Paranaque or call 0919-8474918.

Jon Cuyson's 9th one-man exhibition entitled **"Paris Paintings"** will be on view until August 17 at the Galleria Duemila, 4/L Bldg A of SM Megamall. The exhibit focuses on the architectural details of Paris rooftops. For inquiries, call Lorrie Chan or Ina Francisco at 633-6687/831-9990, telefax 833-9815, email duemila@mydestiny.net or visit www.galleriaduemila.com.

Music

Deezeezeet!!!, an acoustic concert by the University of the Philippines Music Circle on August 12 at 7 p.m. at the UP Theater. The acoustic concert will feature Kiko Machine, Nancy Drool, Oranges' Lemons, Bamboo, Imago and many more. For ticket inquiries, contact Alay Magno at 0917-9757370.

Concert at the Park presents *KASARINLAN* Phil Music Ensemble, a vocal and instrumental group which showcases the gems of Philippine music and culture in ***"Kulturang Pilipino: Sa Musika at Sayaw."*** Musical direction is by Felipe M. de Leon Jr. For queries, contact the Arts and Culture Division of the National Parks Development Committee at 526-8163/302-7374.

Onstage

Bahaghari Production Studios features Bibot Amador and Baby Barredo, alternating stars and directors in a hit interactive comedy, **"Late Nite Catechism."** The play opens on October for 12 nights at the RCBC Plaza Theatre. For inquiries, call the Bahaghari Production Studios Entertainment, Inc. at 687-0990/687-1281 or fax at 687-0989 or email bahaghari-productions@skynet.net.

On August 16, the Music Theater Foundation Philippines Ensemble will stage ***"MAYO...Bisperas ng Liwanag,"*** an opera inspired by Nick Joaquin's "May Day Eve." For inquiries, call the Special Projects Office and look for Glenn Francisco and Rizfrancis delos Santos at 527-2209/527-2192 local 507 to 509.

A twin-bill of one act plays, Victor Z. Torres' **"Cafe Vittorio"** and Liza Magtoto's ***"Despedida de Soltera"*** will be staged by TheatreNow, Gantimapala Theatre Foundation's laboratory arm. For inquiries, call 899-5745/8963503/897-8075 and 789-8554.

Pixel Post Theatre Works re-stages the neo-pop rock zarzuela entitled ***"Ambon, Ulan, Baha"*** on August 16 and 17 at the Star Theatre of Star City, CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City. For inquiries, call Pixel Post at 742-8259 or 0917-2097966/0918-3358240/0920-5366990.

Cinema

Purple Sunset by Feng Xiaoning and **Heavenly Grassland** by Sai Fu and Mai Lisi will be shown on the closing day of the China Film Festival 2003 on August 11 at the UP Film Center Cinema—Theater, Magsaysay Avenue Entrance, UP Diliman Campus, Q.C. Purple Sunset and Heavenly Grassland will be shown at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively. For inquiries, call 527-2192 local 610 and 527-2207.

Food

The Manila Pavilion Hotel features Cagayan Valley's culinary treasures as it hold its two-week long celebration dubbed ***"Pagyaya: Cagayan Valley Food Festival."*** A joint endeavor with the Department of Tourism Region II, the festival runs until August 15 at the Cafe Coquilla of the Manila Pavilion. Alongside the food fair will be a trade show at the hotel lobby with exhibitors from Isabela, Tuguegarao, Cagayan, Batanes, Nueva Vizcaya and Quirino. *Pagyaya* Food Festival is available in a daily changing lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at P750 per person. For inquiries and reservations, call 526-1212 extension 2318.

The Westin Philippine Plaza offers a **Poolside Barbecue** dinner with a selection of rich soups, fresh salad greens and appetizers. The Poolside Barbecue is open from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., weather permitting. Available daily at P880+ (exclusive of service charge and applicable tax) per person. For reservations and inquiries, call 551-5555 extension 1555/1506.

Outback, an American restaurant with a unique Australian theme offers a wider and varied selection of dishes from appetizers to desserts. Outback restaurants are located in Libis, Alabang Town Center and Glorietta 4. They are open for dinner on Mondays to Thursdays from 5 p.m. and on Fridays to Sundays at 11 p.m. For inquiries, call 634-3801/772-1845/729-8458.

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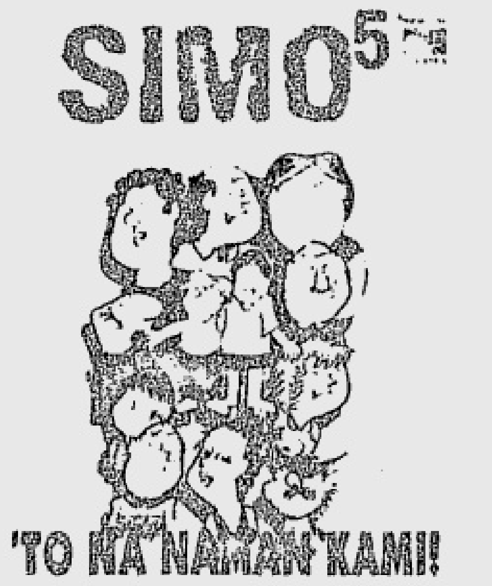
The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) has extended the deadline for submission of entries to the **Heritage Photo Contest 2003** until August 15, on or before the cut-off time of 4 p.m.. Entries should focus on the Philippines' rich cultural heritage, such as indigenous practices, beliefs and traditions as well as monuments, houses and artifacts. Interested parties should submit their entries to the Heritage Month 2003 Photo Contest c/o NCCA, 633 Gen. Luna St., Intramuros, Manila. For further inquiries, call Michelle Gonzales or Evette Marie Banzon of the NCCA Project Management and Development office at 527-2192 local 501 to 502.

The Philippine Board on Books for Young People (PBBY) is now accepting entries for the **2004 PBBY-Salanga Prize**. The contest is co-sponsored by the Cultural Center of the Philippines and The National Library. The winner will be receive a cash prize of P25,000 and a gold medal. The winning story and illustration will have a guaranteed publication with the help of PBBY. For details, visit the Philippine Board on Books for Young People at Room 102, JGS Building, 30 Scout Tuazon St., Q.C., or call 372-3548 or email pbby@adarna.com.ph.

New Day Publishers is launching its latest comic books— ***Simo 5*** by Edgar Dionela and **PRO KIDS** by Alex Young. The authors try to bring out simple yet insightful lessons from hilarious daily life situations. The books are available at leading bookstores nationwide. For inquiries, call New Day Publishers at 928-8046 and 927-5982.

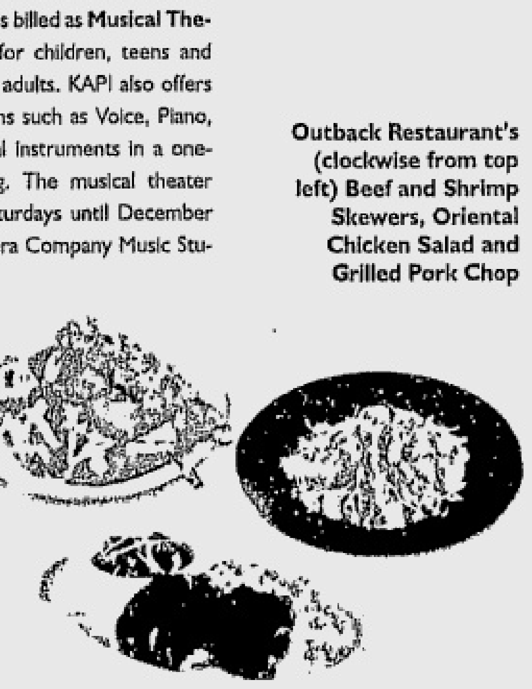


SIMO 5 by Edgar Dionela

The National Museum of the Philippines will hold a **Lecture on the *Agusan Manubu*: A Sketch of Everyday Life** at 10 a.m. at the Conference Room of the National Museum Main Bldg. For inquiries, call the Museum Education Division at 527-0278.

The Philippine Veterinary Drug Association (PVDA) and the Association for the Health and Welfare of Animals Resources Enhancement, Inc. (AWARE, Inc.) will hold the first World Exhibition and Congress on Animal Health and Nutrition entitled **WeCAN** this August. The forum aims to provide industry people with the latest innovative technologies and information on global trends on animal health and nutrition. WeCAN runs from August 21 to August 23 at the Mega Trade Halls 1 and 2, SM Mega Mall, Mandaluyong City. For inquiries, call PVDA at 687-1610 and AWARE at 694-3242/361-5738 or email pvda_org@edsamail.com.ph.

The second Grand Alumni Homecoming of **Kamuning Elementary School** (KES) in Kamuning, Q.C. will be held on March 27, 2004 at the KES Campus, Scout Torillo, Kamuning-Diliman, Quezon City. For inquiries, call Grace Villanueva at 09194621555/412-9470 or Corazon Navea-Cano at 09178437161/434-2057 or visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kes64.



Outback Restaurant's (clockwise from top left) Beef and Shrimp Skewers, Oriental Chicken Salad and Grilled Pork Chop

Kids Acts Philippines, Inc., offers acting, singing and dancing classes billed as **Musical Theater Workshop 2003** for children, teens and special acting classes for adults. KAPI also offers special classes and lessons such as Voice, Piano, Guitar and other musical instruments in a one-on-one basis of training. The musical theater workshop is held on Saturdays until December 20 at the Philippine Opera Company Music Studio, 5F SJG Centre, 8461 Kalayaan Ave. (Rockwell Drive), corner Don Pedro St., Bel-Air, Makati. The voice, piano, guitar and other musical instruments lessons are offered by appointment only at the KAPI Artists' Studio, Unit 260, 2F Cityland Pasong Tamo Condominium, Estacion St., Pio Del Pilar, Makati. For inquiries, registration and reservations, call Eugene or Luigi at 896-7656/0919-4132282 or email kids_acts@hotmail.com.

JC Basic Creative workshop is offering lessons in **Cartooning, Basic Drawing and Painting** lessons for kids and adults. For more information, visit JC Basic at 713 Abad Santos Place (near Wilson Street) San Juan, Metro Manila or call 724-2366.

Fundacion Centro Flamenco offers lessons in **flamenco and other traditional Spanish dances.** Ms. Emma Estrada, heads the flamenco faculty where the dance form is taught from children's levels to advanced levels. For queries, call the Philippine Opera Company at 895-8097 or Fundacion Centro Flamenco at 751-2243 or visit the organization at 5th floor SJG Centre 8461 Rockwell Drive cor. Don Pedro, Bel-Air Makati.

The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) in cooperation with the Filipinas Insitute of Translation, Inc. (FIT), Unyon ng Manunulat sa Pilipinas (UMPIL), and the UP Institute of Creative Writing launch **DALITEXT**, a text poetry (SMS) poetry contest. The contest aims to popularize and revitalize the tradition of one of the countrys's oldest forms of poetry by using modern technology. The dalit is a short poem, composed of four versified rhyming lines. Entries must be written in Filipino and must express a patriotic message. Contestants should submit their entries through text to these numbers: 0920-8367541/0918-5311669. For inquiries, call Salvador "Badong" Biglaen at 922-1830 or the NCCA at 527-2192.

On August 30 at 7 p.m., the UP Judo Club will celebrate its **Grand Alumni Homecoming** at the SOLAIR Auditorium. For inquiries, call Julie at 0920-6246135 or Gilyn at 0917-3596455.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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Pinoy Ngai

By Jess Abrera

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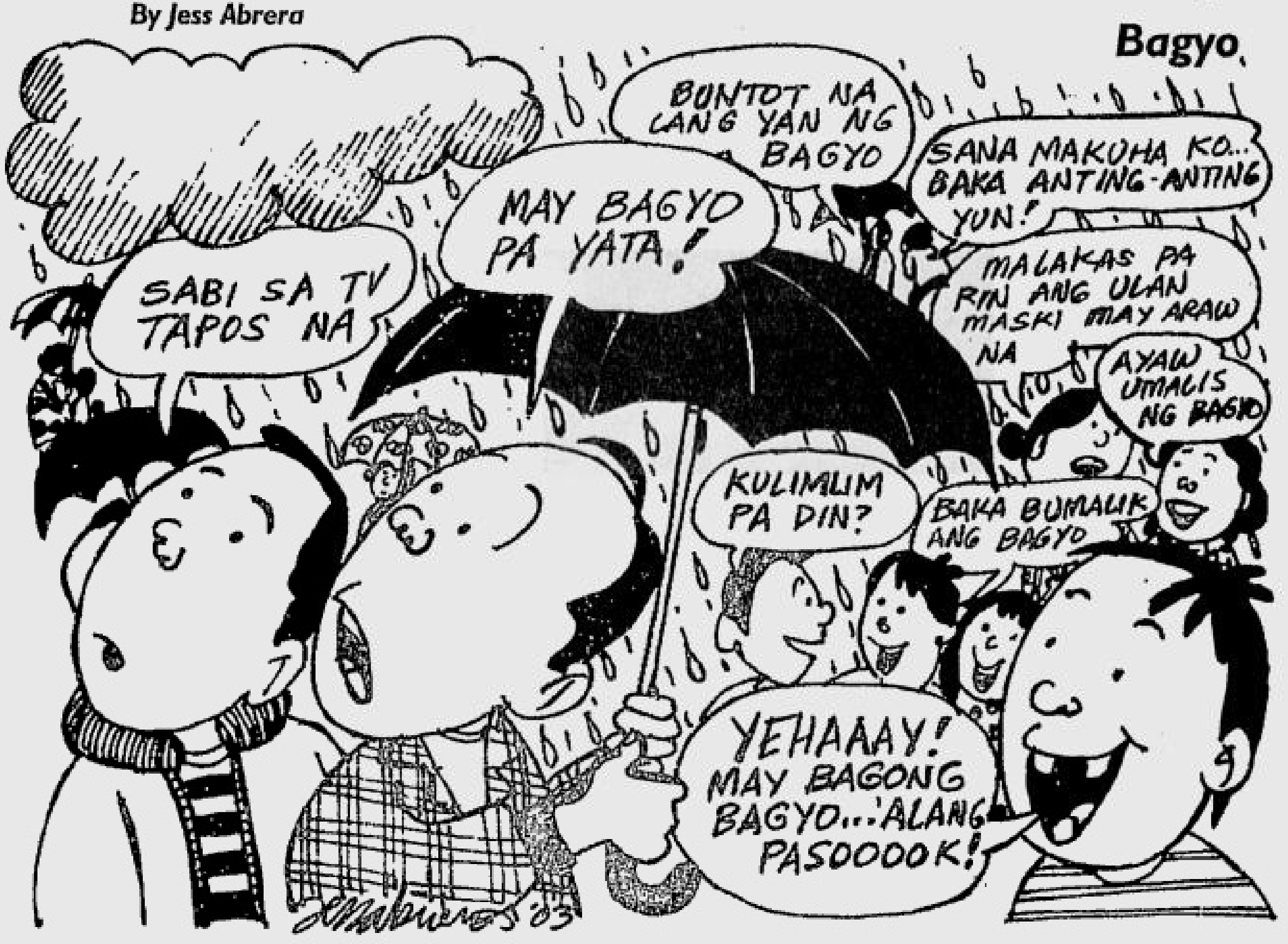
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Giving Guide

For the Children and Then Some

Believe it or not, it's nearing Christmas again and what better way to celebrate the spirit of giving than by sharing with those truly in need? SIM features non-profit groups that always appreciate any kind of help for their needy wards. It is never too early to begin the season of giving to the less fortunate. Let's start now.

1. Kaisahang Buhay Foundation: This group organizes a yearly Christmas party in Barangay Escopa, Q.C. that benefits children, single mothers and families. They also help day care centers for pre-school children. They need food items, gift items for children, groceries, art and office supplies, an electric fan, paint and children's school bags. For donations, please call 911-4180 or 913-2340.

2. My Zu Volunteer Group: This organization educates others on matters that affect the environment and biodiversity. They are looking for a portable sound system for learning tours at the Manila Zoo, as well as filing cabinets and computers. For donations, please call 831-6117.

3. Families and Children for Empowerment and Development Foundation: Also known as FCED, this group puts together a family day for children and families in urban poor communities. They also sponsor children in various education programs. They need groceries, food, school and art supplies, educational materials, diapers and sleeping mats. For donations, please call 562-6997.

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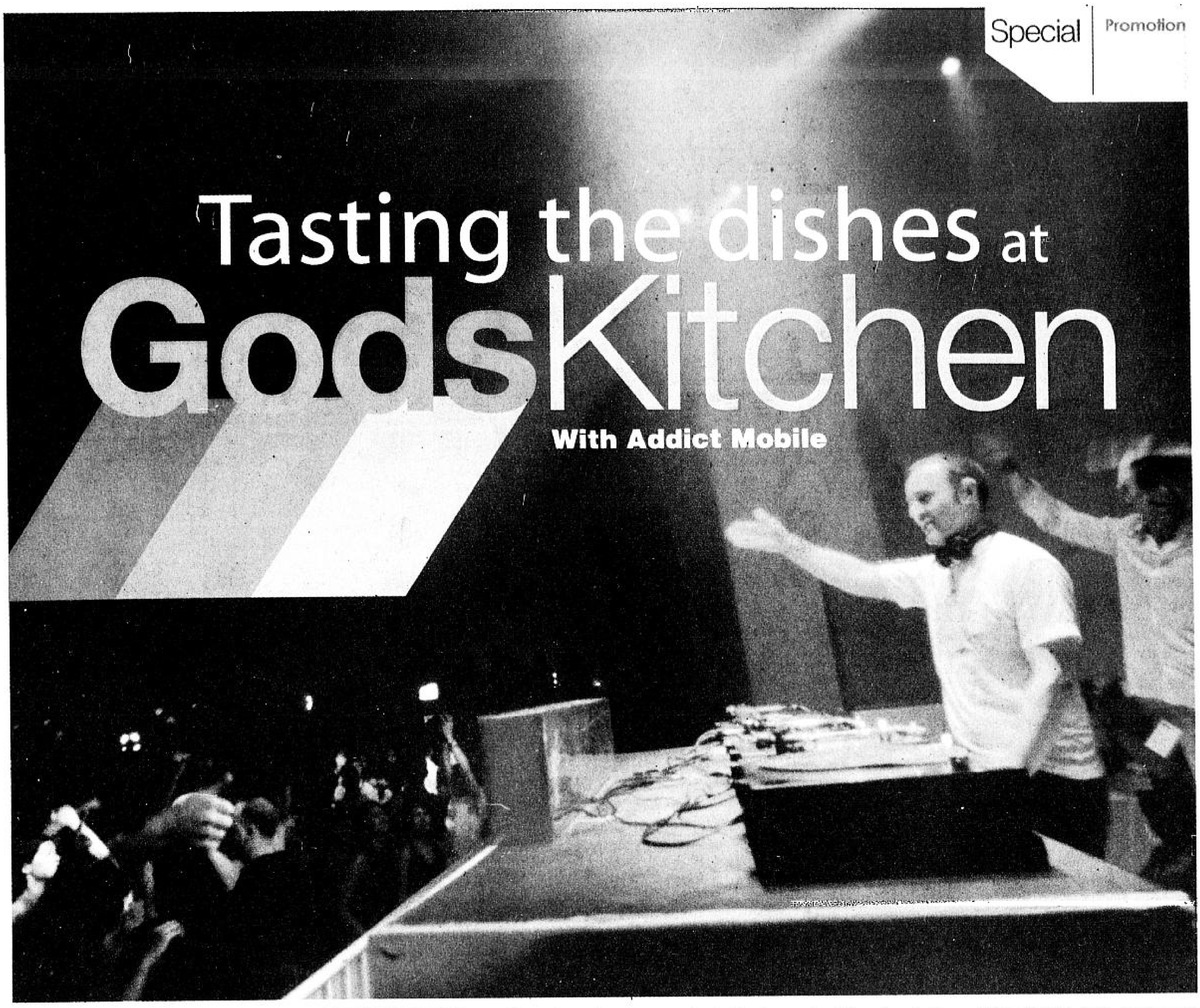

Tasting the dishes at GodsKitchen

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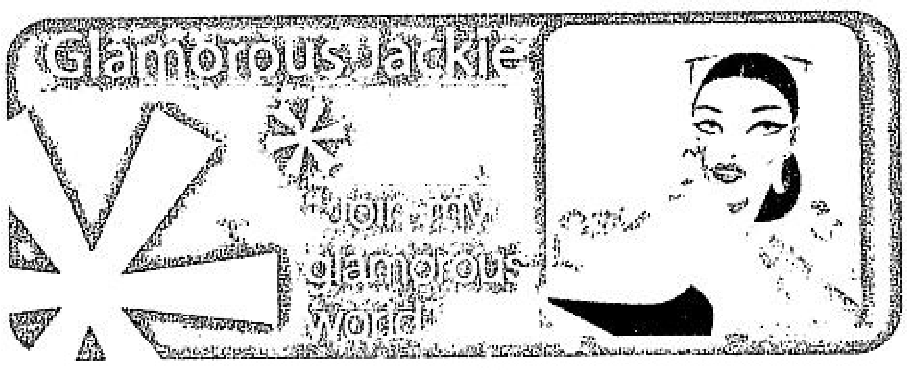


Gorgeous young party citizens piled through the main entrance of the NBC tent last Saturday, darlings. And yours truly was smack dab in the middle of this glam mob! It was off the charts! Godskitchen, the fashionable UK promoter of sensational dance events, held an event of epic proportions that saw the most beautiful and most lavishly decked-out princes' and princesses this side of Cannes or Monaco. As the music sent wave after wave of melodious ambiance through the crowd, it was quite safe to say that the kitchen god created for the night was a heady concoction of beauty, brains, and heavenly bodies. And I was on the lookout for the darling denizens for my page, but of course.

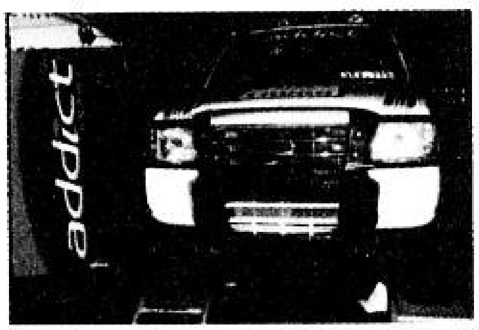
Bigfish again outdid itself by creating another brilliant display of interior decoration and environment conception. From their cool blue lighting, to the dancers clad in angel outfits, the dazzling motif was a perfect setting for the crowd and the music to blend in as one. Platforms for VIP guests lined the vast space, as cozy pillows and couches kept their inhabitants snug in their valued presence. Playstations also kept some people busy as Bigfish once again showed their knack for inventiveness and creativity, as well as their desire to bring the total experience to their loyal and expectant crowd.

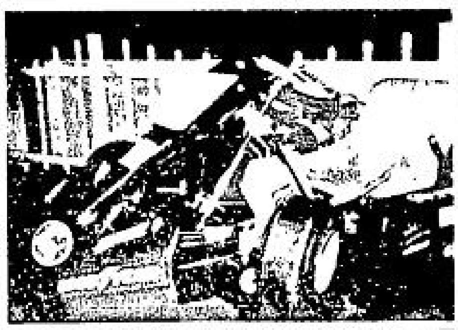
And what a crowd it was... From the youthful vibrancy of the younger generation of stunning dance music aficionados, to the sophistication of the experienced clubber, it was suffice to say that heads turned for both sexes that night like a good day at the Casino Royale in Monaco. Heartbreakingly beautiful girls, voluptuous and striking foreigners, and the exquisitely dressed and finely-mannered 'mestizas' – the men in the tent were quite spoilt for choice when it came to watching the flocks of birds that breezed by them. The guys themselves were all adorned in the most cutting-edge fashion cuts that were not out of place in the windows of New York, Paris, or London. Overall it was safe to say that this Addict Mobile crowd lived up to their sophisticated reputation.

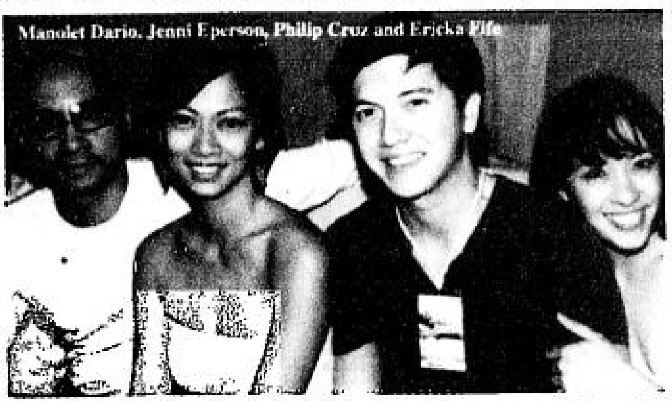
Addict Mobile is a darling service, take it from me. The entire global spectacles in fashion, sports and music is at your fingertips on your Addict Mobile cellphone. "I can get the latest sports scores and news on the UAAP season anytime I want," I heard Enrique, 23, gush to his horde of uber fashionistas. If you ask me, darlings,I love to cruise the catwalks of Paris, Milan, or New York on Addict Mobile. You've got to try it!

As the crowd left the massive, beautifully decorated coliseum of moderate decadence, the barely lit dawn sky left a feeling of elation on a barely seen veil that wrapped everyone in its splendor. Bigfish and Addict Mobile have once again brought an event worthy of the status it had created with its colossal shindigs of the past. As the enchanting angels and bedeviled gents left the kitchen, it was safe to say that god had been involved in every process that fashioned this gastronomic delight of a night.

Be there when SMART launches the next vroom vroom part-eh, darlings. Be on my page, be part of the glam world!

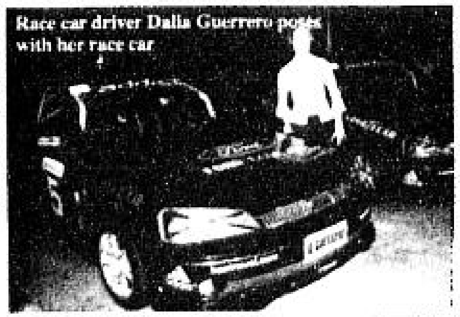


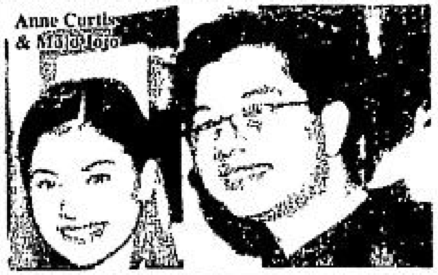



Manolet Dario, Jenni Eperson, Philip Cruz and Ericka Fife

Model Girlie Benitez

[illegible], Jelly, Mimeili, Stephanie & Adrian enjoying the vibe


Race car driver Dalia Guerrero poses with her race car


Anne Curtis & Maja Jojo

Mario Cunanan, MJ Maycon, Carlo Brillantes & Ellen [illegible]

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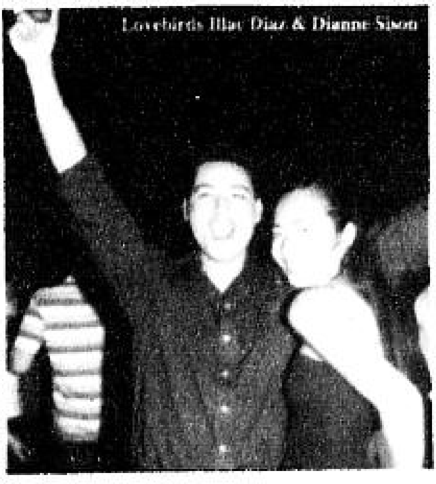
DJ Robbie Agnelli

Kina Santillan, Mia Leviste & Hilary Favila


Lovebirds Iliac Diaz & Dianne Sison

Ritchie Coronel and his two angels!

Mia Sebastian, Helena Pricke & Karla [illegible]

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